

ADULT INQUIRER INFORMATION FORM

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Today's Date: _____

First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

(if applicable)

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____

(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

Name of Father _____

Name of Mother _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Daytime)

(Evening/Weekend)

Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: _____

RELIGIOUS HISTORY

What, if any, is your present religious affiliation? _____

Have you ever been baptised? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes", please provide the following information:

In what denomination were you baptized? _____

Date or your approximate age when you were baptized: _____

Baptismal Name: (if different from current name) _____

Place of Baptism: (name of church/denomination) _____

Address, if known: _____

Location, if known: _____

(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

If you were baptized as a Catholic, check those sacraments you have already received:

Reconciliation (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

Are you familiar with the Sunday Mass? Yes No

Do you currently attend Sunday Mass? Yes - Weekly Yes - Often Yes - Sometimes No

If regularly, which Parish / Mass time do you usually attend? _____

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

Check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath the statement.

I am single and have never been married

I am engaged to be married.

Your Fiancé(e)'s Name: _____

Your Fiancé(e)'s Current Religious Affiliation: (if any) _____

For you: This is my first marriage I have been married before

For your Fiancé(e): This is his/her first marriage My fiancé(e) has been married before

I am married

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Your Spouse's Current Religious Affiliation: (if any) _____

For you: This is my first marriage I have been married before

For your Spouse: This is my spouse's first marriage My spouse has been married before

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

What type of marriage ceremony did you have: _____

(Catholic priest, Civil celebrant, Government official, Christian minister, Non-Christian minister)

- I am married, but separated from my spouse
- I am in a defacto relationship.
- I am divorced and I have not remarried
- I am a widow/widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

FAMILY INFORMATION

- Do you have any children living with you? Yes No
- Have they been baptised? Yes No I am not sure

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What or who has led you to want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

How would you describe your spiritual life right now (e.g. I pray a little/lot, I go to Mass/church)?

What are you looking for in your spiritual life?

How would you like us to help you on your spiritual journey?

GETTING STARTED WITH PARISH RCIA GROUP

Suggested procedure for beginning the journey with those seeking to become Catholic through the RCIA process:

- Decide on an initial time when the team and the inquirers can come together for a first meeting. At that meeting, you can check with the whole group whether this is an acceptable time, day etc. so that you get into the routine of a regular meeting time.
- It would be good if this could happen in the near future, given that you will probably need a break of a couple of weeks between Christmas and new year when there are holiday breaks for many.

Session 1:

- Provide a simple journal for those involved, or ask people to bring one along. Many people like to write things down so that they can come back to them later, or just call to mind what has been discussed. The journal can also be used for candidates to write down their questions and observations.
- Prepare a simple focus which might just consist of a Bible or Lectionary, a cloth of the colour for the liturgical season, a crucifix and candle etc.
- Welcome all to the gathering.
- Introduce yourself and invite each person present to introduce themselves and share something of their story. In the course of the first meeting you might also mention that a sponsor is required for each candidate, and you could let them know to invite the person they choose, remembering that the sponsor needs to be at least 16 years of age, baptized, confirmed and have celebrated first Communion.

- For the newcomers hoping to become Catholic, ask each person to explain briefly what led him or her to inquire about the Catholic faith. For parish members and RCIA team, encourage each person to share something of their stories, family and faith backgrounds.

Session 2:

- Share briefly the process of the RCIA: You may wish to share with them the brief overview of each stage within the RCIA process.
- Explain that listening to the Scriptures is a very important part of the process as a way of getting to know who Jesus was, how he interacted with people, how he described God for us, and how we can come to know Jesus through prayer and reflection on the Scriptures.
- At this point, choose someone read the gospel for the following Sunday and allow time for people to think about it and maybe to ask any questions they wish to ask. Build in some time each week for the reading of the gospel and reflection time.
- Allow some time to mix informally before the end of the session; agree to a time and date for the next meeting and let them know that each week will focus on a different aspect of the Catholic faith.
- Invite questions: if you do not know the answer, just acknowledge that and say that you will find out between now and when you next meet.