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**ADULT INQUIRER INFORMATION FORM
RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Today's date: _____

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Parish _____

Parish Address _____
(full address)

Inquirer's Name _____
First Middle Family Surname

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Birth date _____

Place of Birth _____
Hospital City State

Mother _____
First Middle Confirmation

_____ Maiden Family Surname

Religion (If Christian, then include Faith Tradition) _____

Father _____
First Middle Confirmation

_____ Family Surname

Religion (If Christian, then include Faith Tradition) _____

Inquirer's Address _____

Telephone:

Daytime: _____

Evening/Weekend: _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____

1. What is your religious affiliation (if Christian, what particular denomination) at this time?

2. Have you ever been baptized? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes" to question 2, then 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 (include name of church and denomination): _____

Address (if known): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

3. If you were baptized in the Catholic Church, please check those sacraments you have already received:

Penance (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

Please check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement.

1. I have never been married.

2. I am engaged to be married.

Your fiancé's name: _____

Your fiancé's current religious affiliation (if any): _____

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

For your fiancé: This is his/her first marriage. My fiancé has been married before.

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3. I am married.

Your spouse's name: _____

Your spouse's current religious affiliation: _____

This is my first marriage. I have been married before.

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Officiating authority of marriage: _____
(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic cleric)

For your spouse: This is my spouse's first marriage. My spouse was married before.

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Officiating authority of marriage: _____
(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic cleric)

4. I am married, but separated from my spouse.

5. I am divorced and I have not remarried.

6. I am a widow/widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBERS

Please list the name(s) of any children or other dependents (E.g., daughter: Jane; Stepson: John).

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement.

1. What or who has led you to want to know more about the Catholic faith?

2. Please describe the types of religious education you have received, as a child and as an adult.

3. What contact have you had with the Catholic Church to date?

4. What are some of the questions or concerns you have about the Catholic Church?

5. At this point in time, which of the following statements best describes your present feelings and thoughts about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? *(Please check one).*

- I need much more information about the Catholic Church before I would consider joining.
- I am considering joining, but I am still unsure about it.
- I am fairly sure that I would like to join, but I still need some time to study and pray about it.
- I am fairly sure that I want to join the Catholic Church.

AGE

Since children who have reached the use of reason (circa 7 years old) are considered, for purposes of Christian initiation, to be adults (canon 852.1), their formation should follow the general pattern of the ordinary catechumenate as far as possible. They should receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist at the Paschal Vigil together with the older catechumens. An initiation inventory for children is under a separate cover.

PRIOR BAPTISM

1. Obtain a baptismal certificate.
2.
 - a. Orthodox (Greek, Russian, Coptic, Ukrainian, Armenian, et al.) are to be received into full communion in the corresponding Eastern Rite. Consult the Diocesan Chancery.
 - b. Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian are validly baptized (no re-baptism permitted) and when received into the Catholic Church are to be confirmed and admitted to Eucharist.
 - c. Baptist, Salvation Army, Jehovah's Witnesses, Pentecostal, Unitarian, etc are baptisms not to be accepted without question. It must be shown that baptism was administered in the name of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), and also that true baptism took place and not just a "dedication."
3. Note: Those baptized in a Christian tradition other than Catholic are not to be baptized conditionally unless, after an examination of the matter and the form of the words used in the conferral of baptism and after a consideration of the intention of an adult baptized person and of the minister of the baptism, a serious reason for doubting the validity of the baptism is present.
4. When there is a reasonable and prudent doubt concerning the baptism of such Christians which cannot be resolved after serious investigation into the fact and/or validity of baptism, namely, to ascertain whether the person was baptized with water and with the Trinitarian formula, and whether the minister and the recipient of the sacrament had the proper requisite intentions, and if conditional baptism seems necessary, this must be celebrated privately rather than at a public liturgical assembly of the community. The reception into full communion should take place later at the Sunday liturgy of the community.

PRIOR CONFIRMATION

The validity of confirmation in other Christian faith traditions is not recognized (unless the person has been confirmed/Chrismated in the Orthodox Church, in this case, please consult the Diocesan Chancery). Upon reception into the Catholic Church the person is to be confirmed prior to receiving Eucharist.

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE

A Decree of Nullity must be obtained from the Diocesan Tribunal of the Chancery if the marriage is invalid because of Lack of Form.

For any other marriages, consult the Diocesan Tribunal before the person may be admitted to the sacraments of initiation.

1. How many times were you married? _____
2. To whom were you married? _____ Religion _____
Date: _____ Officiant: _____
Place: _____ City/State/Country: _____
3. If a former spouse is deceased, give the date of death: _____
4. Certificate number: _____
5. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give the following:
Diocese _____ Protocol # _____ Date of Decree _____