



RCIC Parents' Active Participation Form

(To be completed by parent(s) at the time the child(ren) begins the process of Christian initiation in the parish)

The Christian initiation team at this parish is here to guide, teach, and support you and your child(ren) as members of your family prepare for the sacraments. It is essential to keep in mind that the Church has always considered parents to be the primary educators in the work of forming their children's faith. The role of parents in their children's spiritual formation is therefore of critical importance. The work of this parish's Christian initiation team is to assist you, not replace you.

In addition to a calendar of relevant dates for meetings and liturgical rites, we will be providing you with materials to help you in teaching, praying with, and participating in Christian acts of charity with your child(ren). To begin this process, we ask you to read a brief section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraphs 2196-2233.

The spiritual preparation that our parish asks of you involves, but is not limited to, the following list, which we request that you consider and complete. As we pledge to be faithful to our commitment to assist you in teaching and forming your child(ren) in the Catholic faith, we ask you to pledge to be faithful to each of the following...

- To pray with your child(ren) each day, and model prayer to them
- To read Scripture/Bible stories with your child(ren)
- To read the stories of the lives of the saints with your child(ren)
- To teach your child(ren) basic Catholic prayers
- To teach your child(ren) the Ten Commandments and other fundamentals of the life of faith
- To teach your child(ren) what it means to live a virtuous life, what sin and temptation are, and how to avoid sin
- To teach your child(ren) about the spiritual dangers and excesses of modern culture
- To seek out and introduce your child(ren) to age-appropriate resources that foster the life of faith
- To model the Christian life of seeking holiness, depending on grace, offering God genuine repentance for sins, practicing active charity, avoiding actions that give scandal, and striving to live justly before God and in society
- To participate in Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) with your child(ren)
- To participate in Mass on Holy Days of Obligation with your child(ren)
- To bring your child(ren) to RCIC gatherings faithfully
- To attend RCIC meetings for parents
- To attend RCIC liturgical rites
- To attend RCIC practices/rehearsals for rites (when and if needed)

If you can commit to these aspects of spiritually preparing your child(ren) for the sacraments and the Christian life, please print and sign your name(s) below:

Printed name

Signature

Printed name

Signature

Date: _____



Child/Teen Inquirer Information Form

Information is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.

Child/Teen's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____
(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

Grade Level: _____ School: _____

I. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

List below the name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) and present religious affiliation, if any:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

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Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child/teen lives with: Parents Mother Only Father Only Other (please explain): _____

If child/teen lives with one parent/guardian, please indicate who has legal custody and/or if the child/teen also lives with a step-parent: _____

If there is a joint custody arrangement, please provide alternate full address: _____

II. RELIGIOUS HISTORY

1. Has your child/teen ever been baptized? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes" to Question 1, please provide the following information:

(a) In what denomination was your child/teen baptized? _____

(b) Date or approximate age when your child/teen was baptized: _____

(c) Baptismal name (if different from current name): _____

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

(e) Address, if known: _____

(f) Location, if known: _____
(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

2. If your child/teen was baptized as a Catholic, check those sacraments he/she has received.

Penance (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

3. For a teen: Has he/she been married or is he/she currently married?

Never been married Is currently married Has been married

IV. FAMILY INFORMATION

List the name(s) of any siblings (e.g., John— Brother; Jean— Stepsister).

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

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V. LEARNING STYLE

Not all people learn in the same way. You can help your child/teen get as much out of this process as possible by sharing about your child's learning abilities.

In what ways do you think your child/teen enjoys learning?

Listening (*Lecture; Storytelling*) _____

Seeing (*Looking at pictures; Identifying symbols; Watching a video*) _____

Reading (*At what grade level does your child/teen read? Does your child enjoy reading?*) _____

Writing (*At what level is your child's /teen's writing skills? Does your child/teen like to write stories/keep a journal?*) _____

Hands On (*Does your child/teen enjoy doing projects or making crafts?*) _____

Group Work (*Does your child/teen enjoy working with others?*) _____

It will help to know your child's/teen's strongest attributes and challenges. Please add below any helpful details that you think would be relevant.

For example: "Mary is very outgoing and gets excited when she is having fun. She becomes quiet when she doesn't understand something. She works well with other children. Mary also has a 30% hearing loss in her left ear. She may not hear you if you are standing behind her and speaking normally."

VI. GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Please describe the types of religious education in which your child/teen has participated.

2. What contact has your child/teen had with the Catholic Church to date?

3. What are some of the questions or concerns your child/teen has about the Catholic Church?

4. Please summarize below the reason(s) your child/teen desires to begin the Christian initiation process.
