Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee
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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

PRE-INITIATION INVENTORY

Name_____

This interview is to be conducted prior to the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens or the Rite of Welcome

INTERVIEW

1. Name _____

2. Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

3. Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

4. Date of Birth _____ Place _____

If the person is a child, consult A on page 5.

6. Father's Name _____

Father's Religion_____

7. Mother's Name (include Maiden) _____

Mother's Religion _____

8. Were you baptized? _____

If yes, where?

_____
Name of Church

_____
Address of Church

_____
Denomination of Church

_____
Date of Baptism

In case of prior Baptism, consult B on page 5.

9. Have you ever been confirmed? _____ Received Communion? _____

In case of prior Confirmation, consult C on page 5.

Church_____

Denomination _____

Date_____

10. Have you ever been accepted as a catechumen/candidate in the Catholic Church? _____

If yes,
when _____ where _____

11. Are you currently married? _____ Yes (complete A below) _____ No (complete B below)

A. If yes,
To whom are you presently married? _____

Date and place of marriage_____

Officiant _____
name and title

Prior to this marriage, have you ever been married to another person in church, civilly or in common law? _____

In case of prior marriage, consult D on page 6

Has your spouse ever been married (prior to your marriage) to another person in church, civilly or in common law? ___

In case of spouse's prior marriage, consult E on page 6.

B. If no,
Have you ever been married before to another person in church, civilly or in common law? ____

In case of prior marriage, consult D on page 6

_____ _____
Date Signature of Interviewer

WORKSHEET

This sheet is to be filled in as the information becomes available. If the person is unbaptized, answer Questions 10 to 13. If person has been baptized, go to Question 14.

These questions are for unbaptized persons. An unbaptized person may have either a godmother or a godfather or both.

10. Godmother_____

Religion*_____

**The Godmother must be at least 16 years of age, already confirmed and faithfully living the Catholic faith.*

Address of Godmother: _____

City _____ State ___ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Godfather _____

Religion* _____

*The Godfather must be at least 16 years of age, already confirmed and faithfully living the Catholic Faith.

Address of Godfather: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Enter the following dates:

11. Rite of Acceptance into Order of Catechumens _____

Discernment for Admission to Election _____

12. Rite of Election _____

13. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist _____

Following celebration of the sacraments, the information is to be entered into the Baptism Register and Confirmation Register in the usual manner.

These questions are for already-baptized non-Catholics.

14. Sponsor _____

Religion* _____

**The Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, already confirmed and faithfully living the Catholic faith.*

Address of Sponsor _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Enter the following dates:

15. Rite of Welcome _____

16. Date of Discernment for admission to Call to Conversion _____

17. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church_____

After reception into Full Communion, an entry is to be made in the Register of Reception into Full communion. If a parish does not have a Reception into Full Communion Register, the back portion of the Baptism Register may be used temporarily to record receptions into Full Communion.

Confirmation information to be noted in the Confirmation Register.

Notes

A. **AGE**

Since children who have reached the age of reason are considered, for the purpose of Christian initiation, to be adults (cannon 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 Easter Vigil together with the older catechumens. A Pre-Initiation Inventory Sheet for Children is available from the Department of Christian Formation and on the Diocesan website.

B**. PRIOR BAPTISM**

1. Obtain a baptismal certificate.

2. a. Orthodox (Greek, Russian, Coptic, Ukrainian, Armenian, etc.) are to be received into full communion in the corresponding Eastern Rite. Please consult the Tribunal.

b. Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, are validly baptized (no re-baptism permitted) and when received into the church are to be confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist.

c. Baptist, Mormon, Salvation Army, Jehovah's Witnesses, Pentecostal, Unitarian, etc: These baptisms are not accepted without question. For example, in the case of Baptist Baptism it must be shown that Baptism was administered in the name of the Trinity, and also that true Baptism took place and not just "dedication."

3. Note: those baptized in the non-Catholic ecclesial community are not to be baptized conditionally unless, after an examination of the matter and the form of words used in the conferral of Baptism and after a consideration of the intention of an adult baptized person of the minister of the Baptism, a serious reason for doubting the validity of the Baptism is present.

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 has 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 Eucharist of the community or at the Easter Vigil.

C**. PRIOR CONFIRMATION**

The validity of Confirmation in other Christian faiths is not recognized (unless the person has been confirmed in an Orthodox faith – in that case consult the Tribunal). Upon reception into the Church the person is to be confirmed prior to receiving Communion.

D. **PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF INQUIRER**

Decree of Nullity must be obtained from 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 INITIATION SACRAMENTS.

1. How many times were you married? _____

2. To whom? _____Religion?_____

Date _____ Officiant _____

Place_____

3. If a former spouse is deceased, give date of death _____ Certificate Number _____

4. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give

Diocese _____

Protocol Number:_____ Date of Decree _____

E. **PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF CURRENT SPOUSE**

A. Decree of Nullity must be obtained if the marriage is invalid because of Defect of Form.
FOR ANY OTHER MARRIAGES, AN ECCLESIASTICAL ANNULMENT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL BEFORE THE PERSON MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE INITIATION SACRAMENTS.

1. How many times was he/she married? _____

2. To Whom? _____Religion? _____

Date_____ Officiant _____

Place _____

3. If a former spouse is deceased, give date of death _____

Certificate Number _____

4. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give

Diocese _____

Protocol Number_____ Date of Decree _____