

DIOCESE OF BROOKLN
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS
PRE-INITIATION INVENTORY



COORDINATOR OF RCIA – 718-281-9583
LITURGY OFFICE – 718-281-9612
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR - 718-399-5990
MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL -718- 229-8131

Name _____
First M.I. Last

(If married, Maiden Name) _____

Name on mailbox _____

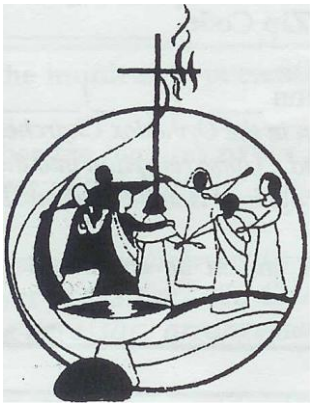
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____
Month Day Year City Country

Father's Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Religion _____



- The Inquirer is seeking the following:*
- Baptism**
 - Confirmation**
 - Eucharist**
 - Profession of Faith**

Parish Name _____

Name of Interviewer _____ Date _____

This interview is to be conducted
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
While the person is
Inquiring about the faith.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

What is your religious affiliation, if any _____

Have you ever been baptized? Yes No Unsure If yes:

Name of Church _____ Denomination _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Officiant _____ Title _____ Date of Baptism ____/____/____

Interviewer should keep original certificate or make copy of original for parish records. If a Baptismal certificate is 'unavailable,

Testimony of Baptism form should be obtained from the Office of the Chancellor. Regarding Baptism in other denominations:

- a. *Orthodox (Greek, Russian, Annenian, etc.): If the fact of Baptism is certain, both Baptism and Confirmation are presumed to be valid, since Confirmation takes place at Baptism in the Orthodox Church. Neither re-Baptism nor conditional Baptism is permitted. When being received into the Church, generally all that is required is that the person celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, make a Profession of Faith and receive the Eucharist.*
- b. *Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Anglican, Old Catholic, Polish National: If the fact of Baptism is certain, the Baptism is presumed to be valid. Neither re-Baptism nor conditional Baptism is permitted. When being received into the Church they are to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, be confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist.*
- b. *Please consult the Office of the Chancellor for assistance in determining the validity of Baptism in other denominations.*

Note: If you are unsure of either the validity or the fact of Baptism, please consult the Office of the Chancellor.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Have you ever been confirmed? Yes No Unsure If yes:

Name of Church _____ Denomination _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Officiant _____ Title _____ Date of Confirmation ____/____/____

Interviewer should keep original certificate or make copy of original for parish records. Confirmation in the Orthodox Churches is presumed to be valid. Confirmation in other non-Catholic Christian communities is not recognized. Upon reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, the person who has not been confirmed or whose Confirmation is not recognized is to be confirmed.

Please contact the Office of the Chancellor re: Old Catholic, Polish National, etc.

Note: *Those baptized Catholics who have received Eucharist but require Confirmation ONLY should be catechized in preparation for celebrating Confirmation at Pentecost.*

EUCHARIST INFORMATION (for Catholics/Orthodox)

Have you ever received Holy Communion? Yes No Unsure If yes:

Name of Church _____ Denomination _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If known, the date of First Communion ____/____/____

Eucharist in the Orthodox Churches is presumed to be valid. Communion in most other non-Catholic Christian communities is presumed to be not valid. Upon Initiation or reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, all are to receive the Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Have you ever received formal religious instruction or formation, or been enrolled in a religious formation program in any faith (including but not limited to RCIA, parish religious education program, parochial/religious school)? Yes No If yes, please specify _____

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

NOTE TO THE INTERVIEWER: It is extremely important that the status of the inquirer's marriage be established AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Many marriage situations are complicated and could require a year or longer in order to be resolved. Please make certain that the inquirers understand that these questions need to be **answered honestly**, with **absolute certainty**, and as early in the process as possible, so that the parish and/or the Diocese can assist them in their desire to become Catholic.

Are you presently married in any way, manner or form? This includes any civil, non-religious or any kind of religious ceremony, in any country or state, by any officiant at all, for any reason whatsoever (including for immigration purposes). Yes No (If no, please skip ahead to the top of page 4)

• **If yes, please provide the following information:**

To whom? _____ Date of Marriage ____/____/____

Is your present spouse Catholic? Yes No

If no, what is his/her religion?

Who officiated at the ceremony?

Catholic priest/deacon Minister Rabbi Civil official Other _____

Church/Place of Marriage _____

City _____ State _____

If the marriage took place in a Church, what was the denomination? _____

When the inquirer is presently married and this is the FIRST MARRIAGE FOR BOTH the inquirer and spouse:

If **either** the inquirer or the present spouse is a **CATHOLIC**, and they are **VALIDLY** married to each other in the eyes of the Catholic Church, please provide a Catholic certificate of marriage.

If **either** the inquirer or the present spouse is a **CATHOLIC**, and they are **NOT** validly married to each other in the eyes of the Catholic Church, please have them **IMMEDIATELY** contact the parish priest or deacon to make the necessary arrangements for a **CONVALIDATION** of the marriage.

If **both** the inquirer and the present spouse are **NON-CATHOLICS**, in most cases, the marriage is presumed to be **VALID**, even if it did not take place with a religious ceremony. **HOWEVER**, in the case of a marriage where one of the parties is a member of an **ORTHODOX CHURCH**, please consult the parish priest or deacon to determine the validity of the marriage.

When the inquirer is presently married and there is a PREVIOUS MARRIAGE FOR EITHER the inquirer or the present spouse:

If the inquirer and/or present spouse were ever married to any person who is **STILL LIVING**, it is necessary to consult with the parish priest or deacon regarding the necessity of a **TRIBUNAL PROCESS**. Most marriages among non-Catholics are presumed to be valid, and therefore **REQUIRE** a Catholic Church annulment from the Tribunal, even if there has been no religious ceremony. This includes marriages which may have been granted a divorce or annulment by the state or another religious faith (e.g. Jewish Get, Orthodox dissolution). Since it is reasonable to anticipate a minimum of a year for the Tribunal process, the inquirer should be informed that the RCIA process will most likely extend to **AT LEAST** the following Easter Vigil.

- **Since you are not presently married, have you ever been married before?** Yes No

If the inquirer has been married before:

- ▶ *and the **former spouse(s)** are deceased, the inquirer will be free to marry in the Catholic Church provided that there are no other impediments to marriage.*
- ▶ *and any **former-spouse(s) are still living**, the inquirer **will be required to contact the Tribunal**, before entering a new-marriage in the future.*

If the inquirer has NOT been married before:

- ▶ *and is **currently engaged to be married**, the INTERVIEWER should contact a priest or deacon of the parish IMMEDIATELY so that the inquirer can begin the process of marriage preparation. Also, if the inquirer should become engaged during the RCIA process, they should contact the priest or deacon of the parish to begin the process of marriage preparation.*
- ▶ *and is **currently co-habiting with someone**, the INTERVIEWER should use this opportunity to present the inquirer with the moral teaching of the Church in this regard. It is a disservice to the couple and to the Church simply to ignore the fact of their living together, since it may give the impression that the Church condones this practice (cf.. Diocese of Brooklyn Marriage Guidelines).*

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO INQUIRER

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY	INSTRUCTION GIVEN	DATE COMPLETED/RECEIVED
	Provide BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE or TESTIMONY OF BAPTISM .	
	If unsure of Baptism, talk to family members, look for old photographs, or any kind of documentation of initiation rites.	
	Provide CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE .	
	Provide copy of CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE .	
	INTERVIEWER will contact priest or deacon. of the parish to inquire about beginning the process of MARRIAGE PREPARATION for the inquirer.	
	INTERVIEWER will contact priest or deacon of the parish to begin the TRIBUNAL PROCESS .	