

SECTION A SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE RCIA COURSE

- A. 1. Name: _____
 Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Other
- Address: _____
- Tel: _____ Email: _____
- Date and Place of birth: _____
- Father's Name: _____
- Mother's name (and maiden name): _____
2. Have you been christened or baptised? YES / NO (please circle one)
- 2a. If so, where: _____ Date: _____
 (A certificate or some other written proof must always be obtained)
3. In which denomination was this? _____
4. Are you single, married, divorced, re-married? _____
 If you (or your present spouse) have been married-divorced-re-married, the priest will need to ask for further details to ensure that your marriage is recognised in Church Law, and so would not pose any difficulty about your being admitted to full membership of the Church).
- 4a. Is there any other obstacle to reception into full Communion? YES / NO (please circle one)
 (e.g. membership of an organisation whose membership is incompatible with the Catholic Church).
5. If you are under 18, are your parents in agreement with your wish to become a Catholic? YES / NO (please circle one)
6. GDPR / RCIA statement signed? YES (please circle)

**TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF ELECTION,
OR PRIOR TO BEING RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- B. 7. Have you been faithful in listening to God's Word, and trying to follow His commandments? _____
8. Have you been faithful in sharing the worship and prayer of the Church, and especially in taking part in Mass each week? _____
9. Do you understand and fully share our Faith as expressed in the Creed, and in particular, the full authority entrusted by Christ to the Pope as the successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ? _____
10. Do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of (Baptism), Confirmation and Eucharist? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FOR THE PRIESTS AND SPONSORS: We recommend this person for enrolment among the Elect and for the sacraments of initiation:

Priest / Deacon: _____ Parish: _____

Sponsors: _____ Date: _____

C. I, the Reverend _____ of the parish of _____ request authority (and such faculties as may be necessary) to admit _____ to the sacraments of (Baptism), Confirmation* and the Eucharist, and so into full Communion with the Holy Catholic Church.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

- *Normally, confirmation should be administered at this time, unless the Bishop decides to reserve this to himself; for this reason, although a deacon may participate in the rite of initiation and celebrate the baptism, only the priest may confirm, and the application should be made in the priest's name.*

The Reverend _____ is hereby granted faculties to admit the above person into full communion of the Catholic Church, and to admit him/her to the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

D. AS PROOF OF RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION, THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE AND WITNESSED BY THE PRIEST/DEACON AND SPONSORS:

Firmly believing in the divine teaching and supreme authority of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and of the Vicar of Christ, I have of my own free will, after careful reflection and prayer, been admitted to the full communion of the Church, in which, by God's grace I intend to live and die.

Signed: _____
(Candidate)

(Priest/Deacon)

(Sponsor)

(Sponsor)

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NOTES:

1. *Baptism is to be administered only if the person is unbaptised; if there is prudent doubt as to the fact or validity of baptism, it may be administered conditionally, and with appropriate explanation to those present.*
2. *Admission to the sacraments of initiation is to be recorded in the Registers of Baptism or Reception of Baptised Adults, and of Confirmation; where the candidate has been married prior to admission, this fact is also to be noted (unless the bond has been dissolved by death or a declaration of nullity).*
3. *Baptised Catholics: no faculty is required unless they have formally abjured their faith, or joined another Church or religion; however, they may NOT be confirmed unless the Bishop has given a special faculty in an individual case.*
4. *Children: for those under 7 years, no formal ceremony is required, but it is advisable to enter the details of baptism in the Register at the time of First Communion, for future record; for those between 7 & 14, no legal faculty is required from the Bishop/Chancery, but the RCIA is obligatory in the special form provided for this age group (found in Part II 'Rites for Particular Circumstances' – 'Receiving of Children').*