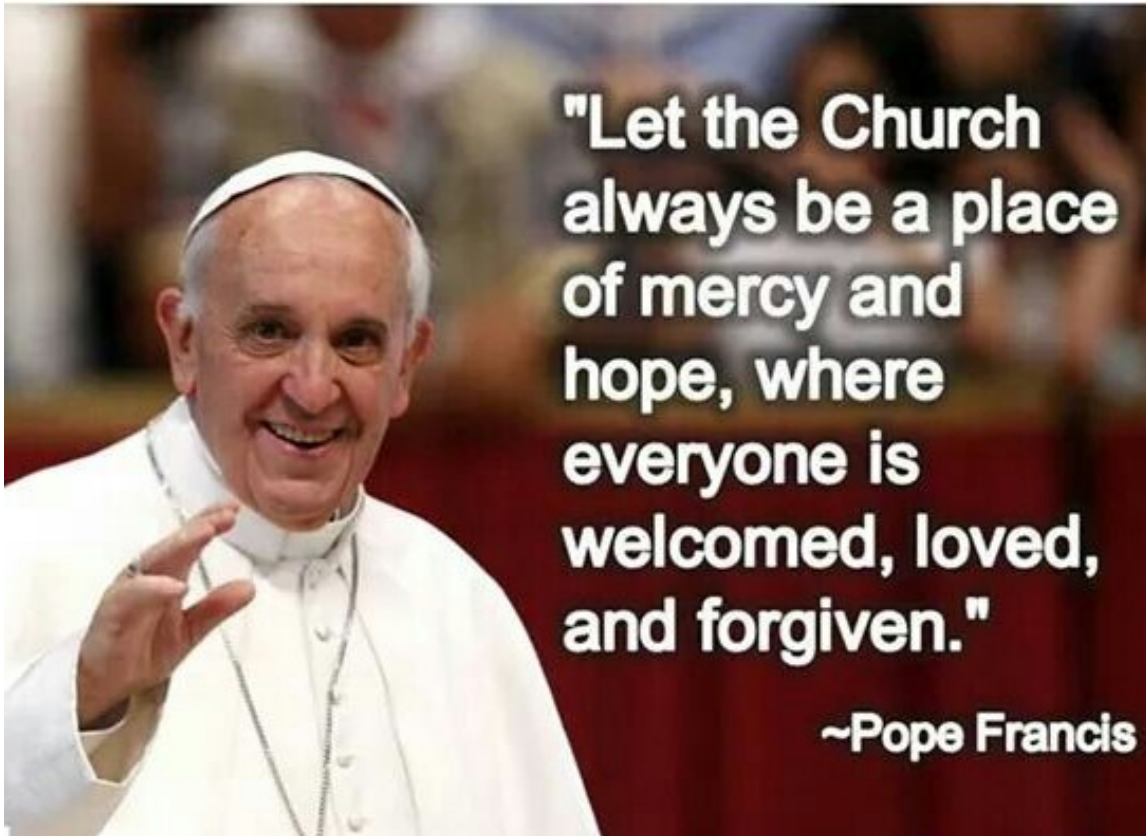


St. Joseph RCIA Program



We welcome you into a conversation about the person we know as Jesus. We will begin a journey with you to look at and consider the teachings of the Catholic Church. We have no expectations that you "have to join" the church, but we will do all that we can to help you on your faith journey.

The first thing we ask of you is that you complete this questionnaire so that we can get to know you and your personal background so that we may serve you better. Each question provides us insight on your journey of exploration about the Catholic Church so please answer the questions carefully and completely.

If there are any questions that you do not understand or are uncomfortable with answering, put a question mark there and leave it blank. If you need additional space simply attach an additional page(s) to describe your personal background. Your answers will be treated as confidential and will only be seen by Fr. Vincent Sunguti or a Team member.

After you complete this questionnaire, we will set a time to meet, introduce you to RCIA, and answer any questions anyone may have.

May the Lord bless you and be with you as you seek His will for your life. Sincerely,
The RCIA team

Saint Joseph Parish

Ord # _____ RCIA

CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM: Please bring the completed form to RCIA next coming session on..... *Please print neatly:*

FULL LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last): _____
Maiden name (if applicable)

PREFERRED NAME: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

Your EMAIL: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place Of Birth: _____

Father's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Mother's **Maiden** Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Have you been baptized? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, what denomination? Catholic _____

Non-Catholic Christian _____ (specify one) Age Of Baptism (approximate): _____

Place of Baptism: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Do you have access to a Baptismal Certificate? No _____ Yes _____ Not Sure _____

If Catholic, current parish of residence _____

Marital Status (mark all that apply):

_____ Single	_____ Married	_____ Divorced	_____ Widowed
_____ Separated	_____ Common Law Marriage	_____ Cohabiting, Non Marriage	

Children (If Any)

Name	Age	If Baptized, Where

If you are currently married or have been married, by whom were you married?

Catholic Priest _____ Minister _____ Justice of the Peace /Judge _____ (specify one)

Date of Marriage: _____ Place of Marriage: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you currently engaged to be married? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, When _____

Where _____

Have you been married prior to your current union or engagement? No _____ Yes _____

Has your spouse/fiancé ever been married previously? No ____ Yes ____

Is your spouse/fiancé baptized? Yes ____ No ____ Is he/she Catholic? Yes ____ No ____

Marriage History

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Maiden if applicable

1. If you are currently engaged to be married, please complete:

Your fiancé[e]'s name: _____

Address: _____

Religious affiliation: _____

Proposed date of wedding: _____

2. If you are currently married, please complete:

Date of wedding: _____

Place of wedding: _____

Your spouse' name: _____

Address: _____

Your spouse's Religious affiliation: _____

3. If you have been married previously, please complete:

	Previous Spouse 1	Previous Spouse 2
Name of Previous Spouse		
Dates of marriage (e.g.: 1980-1990)		
Is your previous spouse still living? Yes / No		
If deceased, date of death		
Where were you married?		
By whom were you married?		
Was your previous spouse previously married? Yes / No		
Had your spouse been Baptized at time of wedding? Yes / No		
In what denomination had spouse been Baptized?		
Was spouse a Catholic at time of wedding? Yes / No		
Have you ever applied for a Catholic Church annulment? Yes / No, if yes, where?		

4. If your fiancé[e] / spouse ever been married previously, please complete:

	Previous Spouse 1	Previous Spouse 2
Name of Previous Spouse		
Dates of marriage (e.g.: 1980-1990)		
Is your previous spouse still living? Yes / No		
If deceased, date of death		
Where were you married?		
By whom were you married?		
Was your previous spouse previously married? Yes / No		
Had your spouse been Baptized at time of wedding? Yes / No		
In what denomination had spouse been Baptized?		
Was spouse a Catholic at time of wedding? Yes / No		
Have you ever applied for a Catholic Church annulment? Yes / No, if yes, where?		

Sponsor Information

Do you already have a suitable adult sponsor in mind? Yes _____ No _____

At what parish does the sponsor attend Sunday Mass?

Name: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Mailing Address:

Email: _____

Home () _____, Work () _____, Cell: () _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____ / ____ / ____ (Must be at least 16 years of age.)

Sacramental History

Candidate Name: _____

Have you made your first confession in the Catholic Church? No _____ Yes ____ Not Sure ____

Date (approximate): _____ Church of First Confession: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Did you receive First Communion in the Catholic Church? No _____ Yes ____ Not Sure ____

Date (approximate): _____ Church of First Communion: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Did you receive Confirmation in the Catholic Church? No _____ Yes ____ Not Sure ____

Date (approximate): _____ Church of Confirmation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Sacraments to be received:

Baptism ____

Reconciliation ____

Eucharist ____

Marriage ____

Convalidation ____

Confirmation ____

Confirmation Name _____

My Journey (name): _____

What or who has led you to want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

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

Please describe the types of religious studies you have had an opportunity to take part in, either as an adult or as a child.

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

The information provided on this form is my best recollection of my personal background to assist the RCIA team in my journey of faith.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Form to be completed by Your Sponsor

Name of Candidate _____

Sponsor Information

Full Name of Sponsor: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Dr./Fr.) _____ (Circle one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ (Must be at least 16 years of age.)
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Sacramental and Canonical Information

Please initial each statement, verifying it as a true statement.

I have been baptized. _____

I have been confirmed in the Catholic Church. _____

I have already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. _____

I am leading a life in harmony with the faith. _____

To my knowledge, I am not bound by any canonical penalty that would prevent me from fulfilling the role of sponsor. (Examples include: divorced *and* remarried without the benefit of an annulment, married outside the Catholic Church.) _____

I am not the mother or father of the candidate to be sponsored. _____

Designation and Statement of Intention

As one preparing to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, I hereby designate the undersigned to be my sponsor.

Signature of Candidate or Parent/Guardian of Candidate

As a sponsor, I affirm the qualifications listed above, and I intend to assist this minor in Christian Initiation and to see to it that he/she acts as a true witness to Christ by helping him/her to lead a Christian life in harmony with the sacrament(s) to be received and to faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with the sacraments.

Signature of Sponsor

What the Church Says Regarding Sponsors

The Church, as delineated in the Code of Canon Law, has the following things to say about the role of the sponsor as well as the qualifications required of one who wishes to take on this role with its responsibilities.

- 1) Insofar as possible one to be baptized / confirmed is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation and who will help the baptized/confirmed to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.
- 2) Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed. (The sponsor does not need to be of the same sex as the one to be baptized or confirmed.)
- 3) The sponsor must be designated by the one to be baptized / confirmed or by the parents/guardians and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role. It is the sponsor's duty to see that the baptized and confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with these sacraments.
- 4) The sponsor must have be at least 16 years of age.
- 5) The sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- 6) The sponsor cannot be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared. (Examples include: one who is divorced *and* remarried without the benefit of an annulment, one who is married outside the Catholic Church.)
- 7) The sponsor may not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized / confirmed.

These stipulations are summarized from the Code of Canon Law, cann. 872-874m 892-893.