

Discernment for the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

Adult Group

You have been attending RCIA sessions for some time now. Every so often, we stop and check to see how people are doing on their journey of faith. For some, it may be time to go to the next step of the RCIA process, the period of the catechumenate. This is a time for serious study and preparation for being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For others, it hasn't been long enough for them to make a decision about being initiated into the Catholic Church.

As you think about your readiness, write down your answers to the following questions. If you know you are not ready, answer only the final question at the bottom.

Have you noticed changes in the way you think, act, feel since you began attending RCIA sessions? Explain.

What are some important things you have begun to learn (or have been reminded of) about God?

Have you started to pray (or pray more or differently)? Explain.

Have you begun to notice some things in your life that you want to do differently or better? Explain.

Are you beginning to feel “connected” to Blessed Perfection Parish community yet? Explain.

Do you feel you are in a closer relationship with Jesus than you were last May or a year ago? Explain.

_____ I would like to wait before I make any commitments to the Catholic Church.

_____ I believe I am ready to celebrate the Rite. The sacraments I want to celebrate are: _____

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ date: _____

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Adult sponsor, faith companion

The discernment conversation is an important part of the RCIA process. Take time to talk with the person who you have been accompanying. Use the questions on the adult discernment form as conversation starters. Affirm the person. Notice what “evidence” they are giving of the indicators in RCIA paragraph 42.

- The prerequisite for making this first step is that the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root in the candidates.
- Thus there must be evidence of the first faith. . . initial conversion and intention to change their lives . . . to enter into a relationship with God in Christ. . . the first stirrings of repentance, a start to the practice of calling upon God in prayer, a sense of the Church, and some experience of the company and spirit of Christians through contact with a priest or with members of the community. . . .

After your conversation, please describe your impressions. What “evidence” do you see/hear? Do you think the person is ready?

Name of candidate for the catechumenate or for the Rite of Welcoming;

Name of sponsor/companion (helping discern)

Signature _____ Date _____

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Family Group

Note to parents: It is very important that these answers be in the child's words!

What are some important things you have begun to learn about God?

Have you started to pray (or pray more)? Explain.

Explain how you act like a friend of Jesus.



What do you like about Blessed Perfection parish?



Think of one story about God that you like very much. Make a picture of it. Color it and name it.

Sign your name: _____ date _____



I am not yet ready to celebrate the Rite.



I believe I am ready to celebrate the Rite.

The sacraments I want to celebrate are:

Have you begun to notice some things in your life that you want to do differently or better? Explain.

Do you feel you are in a closer relationship with Jesus than you were last May or a year ago? Explain.

What do you think about Blessed Perfection Parish?

What questions do you have?



I would like to wait before I make any commitments to the Catholic Church.



I believe I am ready to celebrate the Rite. The sacraments I want to celebrate are: _____

Print your name: _____

Signature: _____ date: _____

Does the subject of “God” or “Jesus” or other related subjects come up in his or her conversation more frequently than before?

Do you have any “evidence” that he/she wants to be baptized (if not yet) and receive First Communion and be confirmed? Explain.

What does he/she seem to think about Blessed Perfection Parish?



I think my son/daughter ought to wait before he/she makes any commitments to the Catholic Church.



I believe my son/daughter is ready to celebrate the Rite. The sacraments he/she wants to prepare for are:

Child/teen’s Name: _____

Parent / grandparent / other signature : _____

Date: _____