

Discernment Conversation Prior to the Rite of Acceptance or the Rite of Welcoming

Based on RCIA 42 & 43, use the following questions as a guide for a conversation with the inquirer. Be sure to explain that, while some individuals may be ready to go through this Rite at this point, others may not, and if someone needs more time to discern, that is fine.

Name: _____

Seeking admission as a catechumen (unbaptized) candidate (baptized)

Godparent(s)/Sponsor(s), if determined: _____

1. What has been your experience of the sessions up to this point? What has affected you the most? What have you enjoyed the most? What has challenged you the most?
2. What changes have occurred in your relationship with God or with your family and friends during this time?
3. What kind of changes do you see in yourself?
4. What experiences have you had in this parish community so far? Are you beginning to have a sense of belonging?
5. What experiences have you had in reading, meditation on or hearing the Scriptures?
6. Tell me about how you pray.
7. What are your thoughts about developing a relationship with Jesus Christ?
8. To what degree do you see yourself turning away from sin or bad habits?
9. Do you feel that you have a good grasp of the Gospel (good news) that Jesus came to reveal?
10. What do you most desire to learn more about?

After explaining the importance of the Rite of Acceptance or Rite of Welcoming, and the questions that will be asked of the inquirer during the Rite, then ask:

11. Do you understand what is being asked of you in the upcoming Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming?
12. Do you feel you are prepared to take this step in the Initiation process?