



Child/Teen Inquirer Information Form

Information is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.

Child/Teen's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____
(include locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

Grade Level: _____ School: _____

I. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

List below the name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) and present religious affiliation, if any:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

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Religious Affiliation: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child/teen lives with: Parents Mother Only Father Only Other (please explain): _____

If child/teen lives with one parent/guardian, please indicate who has legal custody and/or if the child/teen also lives with a step-parent: _____

If there is a joint custody arrangement, please provide alternate full address: _____

II. RELIGIOUS HISTORY

1. Has your child/teen ever been baptized? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes" to Question 1, please provide the following information:

(a) In what denomination was your child/teen baptized? _____

(b) Date or approximate age when your child/teen was baptized: _____

(c) Baptismal name (if different from current name): _____

(d) Place of Baptism (name of church/denomination): _____

(e) Address, if known: _____

(f) Location, if known: _____
(include locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

2. If your child/teen was baptized as a Catholic, check those sacraments he/she has received.

Penance (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

3. For a teen: Has he/she been married or is he/she currently married?

Never been married Is currently married Has been married

IV. FAMILY INFORMATION

List the name(s) of any siblings (e.g., John— Brother; Jean— Stepsister).

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

V. LEARNING STYLE

Not all people learn in the same way. You can help your child/teen get as much out of this process as possible by sharing about your child's learning abilities.

In what ways do you think your child/teen enjoys learning?

Listening (Lecture; Storytelling) _____

Seeing (Looking at pictures; Identifying symbols; Watching a video) _____

Reading (At what grade level does your child/teen read? Does your child enjoy reading?) _____

Writing (At what level is your child's /teen's writing skills? Does your child/teen like to write stories/keep a journal?) _____

Hands On (Does your child/teen enjoy doing projects or making crafts?) _____

Group Work (Does your child/teen enjoy working with others?) _____

It will help to know your child's/teen's strongest attributes and challenges. Please add below any helpful details that you think would be relevant.

For example: "Mary is very outgoing and gets excited when she is having fun. She becomes quiet when she doesn't understand something. She works well with other children. Mary also has a 30% hearing loss in her left ear. She may not hear you if you are standing behind her and speaking normally."

VI. GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Please describe the types of religious education in which your child/teen has participated.

2. What contact has your child/teen had with the Catholic Church to date?

3. What are some of the questions or concerns your child/teen has about the Catholic Church?

4. Please summarize below the reason(s) your child/teen desires to begin the Christian initiation process.



RCIC Parents' Active Participation Form

(To be completed by parent(s) at the time the child(ren) begins the process of Christian initiation in the parish)

The Christian initiation team at this parish is here to guide, teach, and support you and your child(ren) as members of your family prepare for the sacraments. It is essential to keep in mind that the Church has always considered parents to be the primary educators in the work of forming their children's faith. The role of parents in their children's spiritual formation is therefore of critical importance. The work of this parish's Christian initiation team is to assist you, not replace you.

In addition to a calendar of relevant dates for meetings and liturgical rites, we will be providing you with materials to help you in teaching, praying with, and participating in Christian acts of charity with your child(ren). To begin this process, we ask you to read a brief section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraphs 2196-2233.

The spiritual preparation that our parish asks of you involves, but is not limited to, the following list, which we request that you consider and complete. As we pledge to be faithful to our commitment to assist you in teaching and forming your child(ren) in the Catholic faith, we ask you to pledge to be faithful to each of the following...

- o To pray with your child(ren) each day, and model prayer to them
- o To read Scripture/Bible stories with your child(ren)
- o To read the stories of the lives of the saints with your child(ren)
- o To teach your child(ren) basic Catholic prayers
- o To teach your child(ren) the Ten Commandments and other fundamentals of the life of faith
- o To teach your child(ren) what it means to live a virtuous life, what sin and temptation are, and how to avoid sin
- o To teach your child(ren) about the spiritual dangers and excesses of modern culture
- o To seek out and introduce your child(ren) to age-appropriate resources that foster the life of faith
- o To model the Christian life of seeking holiness, depending on grace, offering God genuine repentance for sins, practicing active charity, avoiding actions that give scandal, and striving to live justly before God and in society
- o To participate in Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) with your child(ren)
- o To participate in Mass on Holy Days of Obligation with your child(ren)
- o To bring your child(ren) to RCIC gatherings faithfully
- o To attend RCIC meetings for parents
- o To attend RCIC liturgical rites
- o To attend RCIC practices/rehearsals for rites (when and if needed)

If you can commit to these aspects of spiritually preparing your child(ren) for the sacraments and the Christian life, please print and sign your name(s) below:

Printed name

Signature

Printed name

Signature

Date: _____

Godparent/Sponsor Information Sheet

A Godparent or Sponsor is a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ (Maiden Name) _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace (City/State) _____

Sacraments that I have celebrated (check all that apply)

___ Baptism: Year _____ Where _____

___ Eucharist: Year _____ Where _____

___ Confirmation Year _____ Where _____

1. Are you married? Yes/No (if No, skip to question 6)
2. If Yes, were you married in the Catholic Church? Yes/No
3. If you were not married in the Catholic Church, did you receive a dispensation from form? Yes/No
4. Is this your first marriage? Yes/ No
 - a. If Yes, please put the name of the Church where you were married _____
 - b. If No, did your marriage end: in the death of your spouse? Yes/No
with an annulment? Yes/No
5. Have you ever been divorced or legally separated? Yes/No
(Skip question 6 and 7 if you are currently married)
6. Are you currently in a relationship? Yes/No
7. If yes, are you cohabitating/living with this person? Yes/No

I am willing to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor for _____

Relationship to child/adult being baptized/confirmed _____

I am an active member of _____

Church in (City, State) _____

This Godparent/Sponsor information sheet verifies your sacraments.

Please request your baptism certificate from the parish where you were baptized, including all sacramental notations (1st Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.). Mail all paperwork to:

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church - 229 California Ave. Weirton, WV 26062

GODPARENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & SEALED BY THE SPONSOR'S PASTOR

I, _____ a registered member of
(Godparent/Sponsor Name)

(Name of Parish, City and State)

(Parish Phone Number)

accept the invitation to be a Godparent/Sponsor for the Baptism/Confirmation of:

(Name of Person)

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state and affirm that:

1. I am at least 16 years of age and I have received the three sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
2. I regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and receive the
Sacraments of the Church regularly. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
3. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches, and I truly make a serious
effort to incorporate these teachings in my daily life. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
4. I strive to make my commitment to Christ and the Church visible by participating in parish
activities, by my financial support and by my loving response to those with whom I come
in contact daily. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
5. If married, my marriage is recognized validly by the Catholic Church. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
6. If I have children, they are being educated in the Catholic Faith. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
7. If single, I am not living in cohabitation. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____
8. As a Godparent/Sponsor, I intend to encourage this child/adult, in the practice of the
Catholic faith by word and example. *Godparent/Sponsor initial* _____

Canon 874. To be admitted to the role of godparent, a person must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

Canon 222. The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship for the apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers.

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor _____

Signature of Priest _____

Date _____

Please mail to: **St. Joseph the Worker Church**
229 California Avenue
Weirton, WV 26062
304-723-2054 Fax: 304-723-3961

PARISH SEAL

Godparent/Sponsor Guidance (Baptism & Confirmation)

Godparent/Sponsor Certificate

Individuals seeking to become godparents should direct their “home parishes” to complete our version of the "Godparent Sponsor Certificate" to prevent delays. Sometimes, a godparent's home parish will decide to craft their own version instead of filling out what we've provided. As well-intentioned as this might be on their part, their substitution only ends up causing unnecessary delays as our pastor will tend to kick back the form which forces us back to square one. Needless to say, I cannot overstate how helpful it is to the process when a home parish stays faithful to our certificate. They are welcome to add to our document, but they must not use anything in lieu of it.

Proof of Baptism, First Holy Communion, & Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation)

Each godparent must provide a copy of their **Baptismal Certificate** along with the dates of when they received the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**. These dates must only be annotated by their home parish on the back side of their Baptismal Certificate. An individual must first be "**fully initiated**" into the Catholic Church (Baptized, received First Holy Communion, and Confirmed) in order to qualify as a Godparent. Without just one of them, an individual becomes ineligible.

Marriage (Catholic)

If an individual is **married** in the Catholic Church, their marriage date must also be annotated on the back of their Baptismal Certificate by their home parish. If the marriage was **annulled**, the individual must furnish the parish with proof of the annulment. If the marriage ended in a civil divorce, the individual would be ineligible to serve as a godparent.

Marriage (Non-Catholic, Christian)

For an individual who was married in a civil-ceremony or in a non-Catholic Christian church, they may become eligible to serve as a godparent only when their marriage has been "**convalidated**" or blessed by the Catholic Church, a process that they can initiate with the pastor of their home parish. Thereafter, proof of the convalidation must be furnished to our parish. If the marriage ended in a civil divorce, the individual would be ineligible to serve as a godparent. As previously mentioned, if the marriage ended in a civil divorce, the individual would be ineligible to serve as a godparent.

Non-Catholic Christians

Non-Catholic Christians may be eligible to serve as “Christian Witnesses” but not as godparents.

Non-Christians

Non-Christians are ineligible to serve as either godparents or Christian Witnesses.

Servants of Christ the King

Triumph of the Cross Parish
P. O. Box 908, Steubenville, Ohio 43952



This is to Certify

That _____
Child of _____
and _____
born in _____ Steubenville, Ohio
on the _____ 16th day of June in the year _____

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

Was Baptized

on the _____ 17th day of July in the year _____
at the church of _____ Servants of Christ the King Parish in Steubenville, Ohio
by the Reverend _____ Roger J. Foys

The Sponsors being _____

As appears from the Register of this Church

Dated _____ 26 January 2021 _____

Thomas R. Nau

Rev. Thomas R. Nau, Pastor

SAMPLE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH ANNOTATIONS

Received First Communion

on the _____ 6th day of May in the year _____

at the church of _____ Servants of Christ the King in Steubenville, Ohio _____

Was Confirmed

on the _____ 20th day of May in the year _____

at the church of _____ Servants of Christ the King in Steubenville, Ohio _____

By _____ Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon _____

Was Married

to _____ nothing noted _____

on the _____

at the church of _____

by _____

Diaconate

on the _____ nothing noted _____

at the church of _____

Religious Profession

on the _____ nothing noted _____

at the church of _____



Triumph of the Cross Parish

Parish Offices, P. O. Box 908, Steubenville, Ohio 43952

740 264-6177

Method of Delivery

Apart from the Godparent Information Sheet which can be sent electronically (please send to joetheworkerdre@gmail.com as I am unable to receive attachments over Flocknote), the sensitive nature of the forms necessitate that they be mailed to our parish office (229 California Ave. Weirton, WV, 26062) in a sealed envelope by the prospective godparents' home parish. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time!