

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR A BACKGROUND INTERVIEW WITH CANDIDATES FOR THE R.C.I.A.

The proposed questions are designed to aid pastoral ministers working with persons interested in becoming part of the RCIA.

The questions will help pastoral ministers obtain information involved with the candidate's marital status, family situation, and standing in the community. Such an interview will bring to light issues, which may need to be resolved, before a person can be initiated into the Church, particularly, issues regarding marriage.

(This questionnaire is not intended to be handed out to inquirers. Interviewer should obtain this information in the course of conversation with inquirer, and then see that it is recorded here. It should be completed before the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance.)

1. Name _____ Telephone _____

2. Address _____

3. Date of Birth _____ Place _____

4. Father's Name _____ Religion _____

5. Mother's Name _____ Religion _____
(maiden name)

6. Were you baptized? _____ If yes:

What Denomination _____

Name of Church _____

Address of Church _____

Date of Baptism _____ Officiant _____

7. Have you ever been confirmed? _____ Received communion? _____
Denomination _____ Denomination _____
Church _____ Church _____
Date _____ Date _____

8. Have you ever been accepted as a catechumen or a candidate in the Catholic Church?
If yes, when? _____
Where _____

9. Are you married at the present time? _____
Date of marriage _____
Place of marriage _____
Officiant _____
(name) (title)

Prior to this marriage, have you ever been married to another person either in church, civilly or by common law? _____ If yes, consult No. 1 below.

Has your spouse ever been married (prior to your marriage) to another person either in church, civilly or by common law? _____ If yes, consult no. 2 below.

No. 1. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF INQUIRER

How many times were you married? _____

To whom? _____

What denomination? _____

When? _____

Where? _____

Officiant _____

If former spouse is deceased,
give date of death _____ Do you have a death certificate? _____

If former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give Diocese and
Protocol # _____

Date of decree _____

No. 2. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF PRESENT SPOUSE

How many times was he or she married? _____

To whom? _____

Denomination of Church of Marriage _____

When? _____

Where? _____

Officiant _____

If former spouse is deceased,
give date of death _____ Do you have a death certificate? _____

If former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give Diocese and

Protocol # _____

Date of decree _____

Other Discussion Questions

How have your family members and friends reacted to your decision to become a member of the Catholic Church?

Does anyone object or have concerns about your decision?

Is there anything in your past that could become public knowledge and discredit our parish and the Church community?

Is there any other personal information that the Church should be aware of?

Do you realize that becoming a member of the Church is an ongoing process, which generally takes more than a year?

Are there any concerns or issues that you would like to raise?

Date: _____

Interviewer: _____