

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) REGISTRATION 2022-2023

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Today's Date _____

Name: 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**)

Mother's First/Maiden Name _____

Father's First/Last Name _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Cellphone _____ Email _____

I. Religious History

1. What (if any) is your present religious affiliation? _____

2. Have you ever been baptized? Yes No I am not sure

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

a. In what denomination were you baptized? _____

b. Date or approximate age when you were baptized: _____

c. Place of Baptism (name of church/denomination) _____

d. Address, if known: _____

(Include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.) and **country**)

3. If you were baptized as a Catholic, check the sacraments you have already received

Penance (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

II. Current Marital Status

Check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement

1. I have never been married in any type of ceremony, religious or secular (civil).

2. I am engaged to be married.

a. Your Fiancé(e)'s name: _____

b. Your Fiancé(e)'s current religious affiliation (if any): _____

c. For you: This is my first marriage. I have been married before (religious or civil).

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d. For your Fiancé(e): This is his/her first marriage. My Fiancé(e) has been married before (religious or civil).

3. I am married.

a. Your Spouse's name: _____

b. Your Spouse's current religious affiliation (if any): _____

c. For you: This is my first marriage. I have been married before (religious or civil).

d. For your spouse: This is his/her first marriage. My spouse has been married before (religious or civil).

e. Date of Marriage: _____

f. Place of Marriage: _____

(Include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.) and **country**)

g. Officiating Authority of Marriage: _____
(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic clergy)

4. I am married, but separated from my spouse.

5. I am divorced and have not remarried.

6. I am widow/widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

III. General Questions

1. What or who has led you to want to know more about the Catholic Faith? _____

2. Please describe the types of religious education you have received, as a child and as an adult: _____

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

4. At this point in time, which of the following statements best describes your present feelings and thoughts about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? (Please circle one)

a. I need much more information about the Catholic Church before I would consider joining.

b. I am considering joining, but I am still unsure about it.

c. I am fairly sure that I would like to join, but I still need some time to study and pray about it.

d. I am fairly sure that I want to join the Catholic Church

IV. Documentation needed

If you are seeking to prepare for a Sacrament not received, please provide us with the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Sponsor Letter (Attached to this Application). Your sponsor will need to fill it out, and have it signed and sealed by the pastor of the parish to which he/she belongs.
- Baptismal Certificate (If applicable)
- First Holy Communion Certificate (If applicable)
- Marriage Certificate, religious or civil (If applicable).

If you have prior marriage(s), please provide Marriage Certificate and Decree of Divorce or Decree from Ecclesiastical Court.

V. Sponsor's Requirements (Code of Canon Law, c. 874):

Your Sponsor should be chosen wisely as his/her purpose is to help you lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligation inherent in it.

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have received the sacrament of Confirmation (if single) or Catholic Marriage (if married). If he/she is not married but living as couple with someone, or married by civil law, he/she cannot be accepted as sponsor.
- Must be practicing Catholic who lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken, and willing to live a life of faith as a witness of Christ to the candidate.
- A baptized non-Catholic is not eligible to serve as a sponsor.
- Non-Catholics cannot be sponsors.