

Diocese of Covington Adult Inquirer Information Form

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Parish Name: _____

Today's Date: _____ Interviewer Name: _____

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**)

Name of Father: _____
First **Middle** **Last**

Name of Mother: _____
First **Middle** **Last**

Mother's Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: (Preferred) _____ (Other) _____

1. Have you 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 were you baptized? _____

(b) Date or your approximate age when you were baptized: _____

(c) Was water used? _____

(d) Were words of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit used? _____

(e) Name of church, if known: _____

(e) Address, if known: _____
(Include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), & **country**)

(g) What denomination have you most recently been attending? _____

2. If you were baptized Catholic, check those sacraments you have already received:

Penance (Confession) Eucharist (First Communion) Confirmation

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Please, check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement.

1. I have never been married.

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.

(d) For your fiancé (e): this is his/her first marriage. my fiancé (e) has been married before.

(a) Are you currently living with this person? Yes No

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.

(d) For your spouse: This is my spouse's first marriage. My spouse has been married before.

(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 cleric)

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

5. I am divorced and I have not remarried.

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

7. I am presently in a relationship with someone

(a) Are you currently living with this person? Yes No

(b) Has he/she been previously married? Yes No

List the name(s) of any children or other dependents (e.g., Daughter — Jane; Stepson — John).

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

-Is this child baptized? Yes No. If no, do you desire baptism for the child? Yes No.

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

-Is this child baptized? Yes No. If no, do you desire baptism for the child? Yes No.

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-Is this child baptized? Yes No. If no, do you desire baptism for the child? Yes No.

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

2. What or who has led you to desire to know more about the Catholic Faith?

3. What experiences of the Catholic Church have you had to date?

4. What are some of the questions or concerns you have about the Catholic Church?

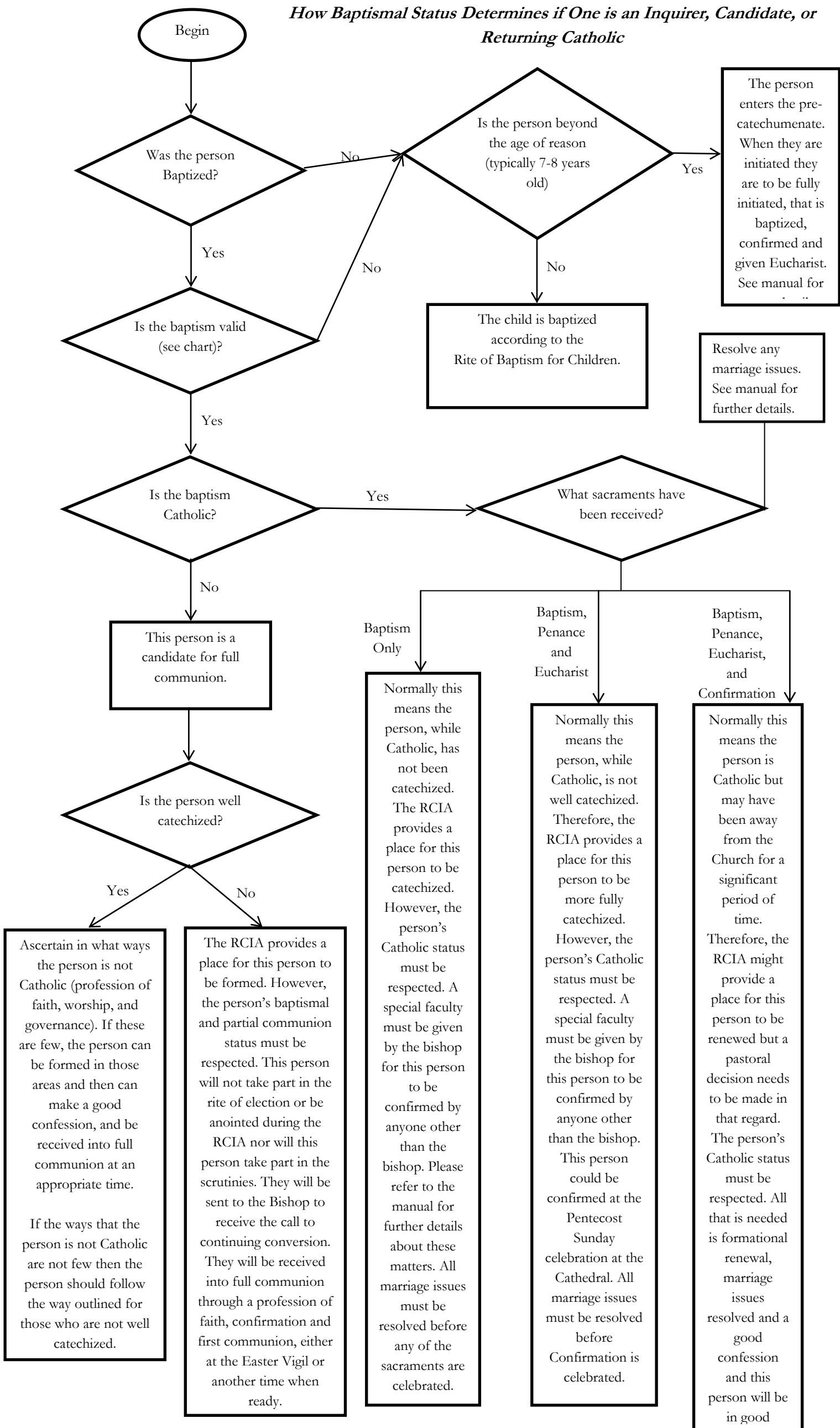
5. At this point in time, which of the following statements best describes your present feelings and thoughts about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? (Please circle one)

- 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.

For Office Use Only:

- A. Request Baptismal Records
- B. Form of Baptism (Water, Trinitarian)
- C. Follow-up on Marriage issues
- D. Follow-up on Children (If applicable)

How Baptismal Status Determines if One is an Inquirer, Candidate, or Returning Catholic



DETERMINATION OF BAPTISMAL VALIDITY

Diocese of Covington
August 2013

VALID BAPTISMS

Adventists
African Methodist Episcopal
African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Amish
Anglican Communion
Assembly of God
Baptists
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Christian Church
Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
Church of the Brethren
Church of Christ
Church of God:
 of Prophecy
 of Anderson, Indiana
 of Cleveland, Tennessee
 and various others
Church of the Nazarene
Classical Pentecostals
Cumberland Presbyterians
Evangelical United Brethren
Evangelical Churches
International Council of Community Churches
Liberal Catholic Church
Lutherans:
 Missouri Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
 Wisconsin Lutheran
Mennonites
Methodists
Old Roman Catholics
Old Catholics
Orthodox Churches
Polish National Church
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
Reformed Churches
Seven Hills
United Church of Christ

INVALID BAPTISMS

Apostolic Church
Bohemian Free Thinkers
Christadelphians
Christian Scientists
Church of Divine Science
Jehovah's Witnesses
Masons (no baptisms)
Mormons
Pentecostal Churches
Peoples Church of Chicago
Quakers
Rudolph Steiner's Christian Community:
 Die Christengemeinschaft
Salvation Army (no baptism)
Unitaria

**Baptism Testimonial
Diocese of Covington**

I, the undersigned _____, hereby testify that I
witnessed the baptism of _____,

Child of _____ (father's name).

And of _____ (mother's maiden name).

The person baptized was bor on ___ / ___ / _____

in the State of _____ and the County of _____.

The baptismal ceremony was performed on ___ / ___ / _____

at _____

in the city of _____

in the state of _____

and the county of _____.

by _____

The sponsors (Godparents) were:

Godfather: _____

Godmother: _____

In testimony whereof on this day ___ / ___ / _____, I affix my signature:

(SIGNATURE)

When the One Who Seeks to Become Catholic and/or Their Spouse Have Been Divorced

Those who are entering the Catholic Church or coming into full communion with the Catholic Church must be in a state of grace after having done so. This means that irregular marriages must be reconciled with the Catholic Church's teachings before the persons in such marriages are baptized into the Catholic Church or brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church naturally recognizes Catholic marriages but the Church also recognizes the marriages between the un-baptized and those marriages that are celebrated in the form required by the church of affiliation of the baptized. This means that if 'remarriage' has taken place without the establishment by the Catholic Church of a person's freedom to marry, an irregular marriage exists and needs to be reconciled. The issue in an irregular marriage is not if the marriage is sacramental but if each of the parties was free to marry at the time of the person's present marriage.

In addition, the Catholic Church teaches that when a man and a woman marry they become one. As such, what affects one affects the other. This means that if both of or either of the parties in a marriage have been divorced and 'remarried,' even if that one is not seeking to become Catholic, the situation needs to be reconciled. If one party was not free to marry because of a 'previous' marriage, the one marrying that one is not free to marry him or her because of that. What affects one affects the other because the two become one.

What follows is a very simplified outline to help you to determine what kind of case should be submitted to the Tribunal to begin reconciling the irregular marriage with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Remember that in formal and prior bond cases the Covington Tribunal must have or be able to gain competency to hear the case. The Covington Tribunal has the competency to hear these types of cases when the marriage which needs to be declared invalid took place in the Covington Diocese, or the 'ex-spouse' (aka respondent) lives in the diocese of Covington. The Covington Tribunal can gain the competence to hear a case if the Covington Diocese is the place where the petitioner lives or the place where the majority of the proofs will be collected, but only if the Judicial Vicar where the 'ex-spouse' (aka respondent) lives gives his consent to the Covington Tribunal to hear the case. This is why it is imperative for the Tribunal to be given the address of the 'ex-spouse' (aka respondent). If that cannot be done, it must be explained why it cannot be done and proof of having attempted to determine this information must be given. Also remember that in marriage validity cases, the petitioner has the responsibility to bring forth the evidence to prove the invalidity of the marriage in question. It is not an application process but a judicial process. Since the salvation of souls is the highest law of the Catholic Church, the Covington Tribunal stands ready to assist anyone who desires to pursue such cases.

**Diocese of Covington
Tribunal Form Determination for Marriage Cases**

1. Has the person, Catholic or not, remarried since getting divorced without the Catholic Church stating that he/she was free to remarry?
 - 1.1. If YES please go to 2.
 - 1.2. If NO there is no needed action at this time, unless the person is planning to remarry then proceed to 2.

2. Did the marriage involve a baptized Catholic?
 - 2.1. If NO please go to 3.
 - 2.2. If Yes:
 - 2.2.1. Was the marriage celebrated by a Catholic bishop, priest, deacon or someone the bishop permitted to assist at the marriage?
 - 2.2.1.1. If NO please go to 2.2.2.
 - 2.2.1.2. If YES please go to 4.
 - 2.2.2. Was the marriage later celebrated in the Catholic Church or radically sanated?
 - 2.2.2.1. If NO complete **Form 1: Invalid Marriage Due to a Total Lack of Form**
 - 2.2.2.2. If YES please go to 4.

3. Was either party validly baptized (see table 1) at the time of the wedding?
 - 3.1. If YES, that is **at least one** of the parties was validly baptized, go to 4.
 - 3.2. If neither party was validly baptized complete **Form 2: Pauline Privilege**

4. Was only one party unbaptized at the time of the marriage and remained so throughout the marriage?
 - 4.1. If NO, this means both parties were validly baptized at some point during the marriage, complete **Form 4: Petition for Annulment**.
 - 4.2. If YES, and there are marriages subsequent to this marriage that need to be reviewed complete **Form 3: Petrine Privilege**. If there are not any subsequent marriages to review then complete **Form 4: Petition for Annulment**.

All forms available through the Diocese of Covington Tribunal or on the Diocese of Covington website (www.covingtondiocese.org) select “All Diocesan Offices” then select “Tribunal”.