

## Diocese of Harrisburg CHRISTIAN INITIATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

6. Were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:**

Was water poured or were you baptized by immersion? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any Eastern Catholic or Eastern Orthodox membership in your family

background? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who would that person be? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever been confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ Received communion? \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

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 currently married? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (complete A below) \_\_\_\_\_ No (complete B below)

A. If yes, to whom are you currently married? \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Officiant \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (title)

Prior to this marriage, have you ever been married to another person in church, civilly or in common law? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, consult no. 1 on page 3.

Has your spouse ever been married (prior to your marriage) to another person in church, civilly or in common law? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, consult no. 2 on page 3.

B. If no, have you ever been married before to another person in church, civilly, or in common law? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, consult no. 1 on page 3.

10. Are you considering marriage in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_

11. In your dialogue, find out if there is a cohabitation issue.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF INQUIRER**

- a. How many times were you married? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. To whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Officiant \_\_\_\_\_
- Place \_\_\_\_\_
- c. If former spouse is deceased, give
- Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have the death certificate? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. If former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give
- Diocese and Protocol No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of decree \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF CURRENT SPOUSE**

- a. How many times was he or she married before marrying you? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. To whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Officiant(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Place(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. If former spouse is deceased, give
- Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have the death certificate? \_\_\_\_\_
- If former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give
- Diocese and Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of decree \_\_\_\_\_

## WORKSHEET

The appropriate worksheet should be filled in as the information becomes available.

- If the person is unbaptized, answer questions 1 to 7.
- If the person was baptized in a non-Catholic Church, answer questions 8 to 12.
- If the person was baptized in a Catholic Church, answer questions 13 to 18.

**If the person is unbaptized, answer questions 1 to 7:**

1. Sponsor\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

2. Godparent\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

**Enter the following dates upon completion:**

3. Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens\_\_\_\_\_

4. Discernment for Admission to Election\_\_\_\_\_

5. Rite of Election\_\_\_\_\_

6. 1st Scrutiny\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Scrutiny\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Scrutiny\_\_\_\_\_

7. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon celebration of the sacraments, the information is to be entered into the baptismal register and confirmation register in the usual manner.**

**If the person was baptized in a non-Catholic Church, answer questions 8 to 12:**

8. Sponsor\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

**Enter the following dates upon completion:**

9. Rite of Welcome\_\_\_\_\_

10. Discernment for the Call to Continuing Conversion\_\_\_\_\_

11. Call to Continuing Conversion\_\_\_\_\_

12. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church:

Confirmation and Eucharist\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon reception, an entry is to be made in the baptismal register with the date of full communion noted. Confirmation information is to be noted in the confirmation register.**

**If the person was baptized in a Catholic Church, answer questions 13 to 18:**

13. Sponsor\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

**Enter the following dates upon completion:**

14. Rite of Welcome\_\_\_\_\_

15. Discernment for the Call to Continuing Conversion\_\_\_\_\_

16. Call to Continuing Conversion\_\_\_\_\_

17. Obtained from the Bishop's office the faculty to confirm this individual\_\_\_\_\_

18. Confirmation and Eucharist\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon reception of confirmation and Eucharist, information is to be entered in the baptismal and confirmation register as usual.**

## APPENDIX D:      CONDITIONAL BAPTISM LIMITED RITE

**The doctrine of the sacrament of baptism, and the reasons for the doubtful validity of the baptism must be explained to the person before conditional baptism is conferred  
(Canon 863,3)**

*The priest, candidate (and sponsor) would gather at the font for the ritual.*

### GREETING

### WORD OF GOD

Matthew 28:18-20 The apostles are sent to preach the gospel and to baptize

*or*

Mark 1:9-11 The baptism of Jesus

(short homily)

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

**Celebrant:**      Dear friends: Let us pray to almighty God for our brother (sister) *N.*, who is asking for baptism. He has called him (her) and brought him (her) to this moment; may he grant him (her) light and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts and to profess the faith of the Church. May he give him (her) the new life of the Holy Spirit, whom we are about to call down on this water.

### BLESSING OF WATER

**Celebrant:**      Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children.

*Response: Blessed be God*

From all who are baptized in water and the Holy Spirit, you have formed one people, united in your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Response: Blessed be God*

You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Holy Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.

*Response: Blessed be God*

You call those who have been baptized to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

*Response: Blessed be God*

You have called *N.* to this cleansing water and new birth, that by sharing the faith of your Church they may have eternal life.

Bless + this water in which he/she will be baptized.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

*Response: Amen*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Celebrant:** Do you reject, Satan and all his works, and all his empty promises?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Celebrant:** *N.*, do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**Candidate:** I do.

## BAPTISM

**Celebrant:** *N.*, I conditionally baptize you in the name of the Father (pour water),  
and of the Son (pour water),  
and of the Holy Spirit (pour water).



## **APPENDIX E: CHURCH DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCE WORKS**

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Documents of the Liturgy

Documents of Vatican II

New Catholic Encyclopedia

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Code of Canon Law