

DISCERNMENT FOR READINESS
FOR THE
RITE OF RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION

Please take time to reflect upon the following questions and share them with your sponsor. Please refer back to your discernment sheet for the Rites of Acceptance & Welcome. The form can also be downloaded from the parish website.

1. Please read Ephesians 1:3-14 and prayer over these holy Words of God. What thoughts and reflections come to mind as you read God's Holy Word?

2. How have you become a part of the St. Andrew Parish Community (*please be specific in terms of volunteering, etc.*)? What learnings and insights have you received in sharing your gifts with others in the parish, in your family and/or in your community, especially from your volunteer activities?

3. As a baptized Christian...
 - a. How has your understanding and appreciation of your baptism changed and/or deepened?

 - b. How have you experienced a deeper understanding of personal sin in your life and the need for God's mercy?

 - c. How have you experienced God's forgiveness and mercy?

 - d. As you look ahead to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, what is interfering with your relationship with God and others?

Please turn over

4. During this Rite, you will be asked to recite the Creed with the assembly (*please see attached*). Is this a profession of YOUR faith? What concepts (if any) still confuse you?

5. Confirmation provides special graces/gifts of the Spirit to actively and silently transform you into a follower of Christ. They are:

WISDOM: helps a person value the things of heaven

UNDERSTANDING: enables a person to grasp the truths of religion

COUNSEL: helps one see and correctly choose the best practical approach in serving God

FORTITUDE (COURAGE): steels a person's resolve in overcoming obstacles to living the faith

KNOWLEDGE: helps one to see the path to follow and the dangers to one's faith

PIETY: fills a person with confidence in God and an eagerness to serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD (REVERENCE): makes a person keenly aware of God's sovereignty and the respect due to God and God's laws

Which of these gifts do you most need in your life right now? Ask God for that gift(s) and bring that prayer with you to the celebration.

6. The Mystagogia season is a very important part of the RCIA process. It will deepen your understanding of Eucharist and its centrality in our everyday lives as Catholics. Will you participate fully in the Mystagogia sessions (see attached schedule)?

After sharing this with your sponsor, please meet with a team person and talk with them about your reflections and insights. Give this to them and they will sign it and return it to Susie.

Name _____ Date _____

Team Member's Name _____ Date of Interview: _____

Was the Sponsor Discernment Form completed? _____ Yes _____ No

****Please attach the form**

Comments:

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Our Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.