



# RCIA Child or Teen Inquirer Form

*NOTE: If the child or teen is currently enrolled in a religious education program at your parish, much of the information below may already be on file. In that case, please attend to the sections with an asterix \* which are important for sacramental and/or canonical purposes.*

## A. GENERAL

<b>Today's date</b>			
<b>Child/ teen's name</b>			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
	<i>Maiden name (if applicable)</i>		
<b>Contact address</b>			
<b>Date of birth</b>			
<b>Place of birth</b>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State/Province</i>	<i>Country</i>
<b>Age</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
<b>School</b>			
<b>Phone</b>			
	<i>Home</i>	<i>Mom/Guardian Cell</i>	<i>Dad/Guardian Cell</i>
<b>Parent/guardian email</b>			

## B. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

<b>*Birth father</b>			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
	<i>Religious affiliation</i>		
<b>*Birth mother</b>			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
	<i>Religious affiliation</i>		
<b>Guardian</b>			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>RELATIONSHIP</i>
	<i>Religious affiliation</i>		

<b>Guardian's name</b>			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>RELATIONSHIP</i>
	<i>Religious affiliation</i>		

**With whom does the child live?**  
(Parents, mother only, father only, guardian, etc. Please explain custody arrangements if any.)

**C. FAMILY INFORMATION**

**List sibling information**

Name		Relationship		Age	
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**D. SACRAMENTAL HISTORY**

<b>*Baptism</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <i>If answered "Yes", please provide a BAPTISM RECORD and the following information</i>	
	Denomination in which he/she was Baptized	
	Date of Baptism	
	Age at Baptism	
	Baptism name (if different from current name)	
	Place of Baptism (church name)	
	Address of place of Baptism	
	If non-Catholic Baptism, did the child/teen make a formal profession of faith as a Catholic? If so, where/when?	

**\*If Baptized as a Catholic, check those sacraments he/she has already received:**

First Penance   
 First Eucharist   
 Confirmation

**E. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Please describe any previous religious instruction the child/teen has received (formal and/or informal).

**F. PHYSICAL AND LEARNING NEEDS**

<b>Strengths, talents, interest and attributes</b>	
<b>Allergies</b>	
<b>Other physical disabilities or limitations</b>	
<b>Learning disabilities/ other cognitive needs</b>	
<b>Learning styles or preferences</b>	

**G. MARITAL STATUS OF THE TEEN-INQUIRER (NOT THE TEEN'S PARENTS)**

**Never married**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>*Engaged</b>	Name of fiancé	
	Fiancé's current religious affiliation (if any)	
	For the RCIA inquirer	<input type="checkbox"/> First marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Married before <i>Please fill out section H if married before</i>
	For the fiancé	<input type="checkbox"/> First marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Married before <i>Please fill out section H if married before</i>

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>*Married</b>	Name of spouse	
	Spouse's current religious affiliation (if any)	
	For the spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> First marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Married before <i>Please fill out section H if married before</i>
	Date of marriage	
	Place of marriage	
	Address of place of marriage	
	Officiating authority of marriage <i>(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic cleric)</i>	

**\*Married but separated**

**\*Divorced but not remarried**

**\*Widow/widower and not remarried**

**H. PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF THE TEEN INQUIRER (NOT THE TEEN'S PARENTS)**

Complete this section for all previous marriages, either of the RCIA teen or his/her fiancé or spouse.  
Skip this section if there were no previous marriages.

**\*PREVIOUS MARRIAGE INFO FOR THE RCIA TEEN**

Other Spouse	First Marriage	Second Marriage
Last name		
First name		
Maiden name		
Date of marriage		
Religion of both at wedding		
Place of marriage (institution and city)		
Spouse living?		
Marriage ended by death or divorce?		
If Catholic, annulment granted? Date granted, protocol/number, diocese		
Is a case in process at tribunal for previous marriage?		
If yes, where and protocol/number		

**\*PREVIOUS MARRIAGE INFO FOR THE CURRENT FIANCE OR SPOUSE**

Other Spouse	First Marriage	Second Marriage
Last name		
First name		
Maiden name		
Date of marriage		
Religion of both at wedding		
Place of marriage (institution and city)		
Spouse living?		
Marriage ended by death or divorce?		
If Catholic, annulment granted? Date granted. protocol/number, diocese		
Is a case in process at tribunal for previous marriage?		
If yes, where and protocol/number		

## \*NOTES FOR THE COORDINATOR

### **If the child is age six or below and is unbaptized...**

*Because the child is not of the age of reason, there is no reason to delay the child's Baptism. With the pastor's agreement and the proper requirements fulfilled (God-parent, Baptism class...) the child may be receive Baptism immediately. The parent/s are to agree to enroll the child for religious formation as usual.*

### **If the child is age six or below and was baptized in a Protestant church...**

*The child is received into the Catholic Church without any rite, but simply at the request of their parent/s or guardians. The fact and date of this reception must be recorded in the Baptismal register of the parish, including information about the prior baptism.*

### **If the child (of any age) was baptized in an Orthodox church...**

*There are special concerns. Please refer to the Office of the Tribunal for direction. Please also inquire if the child's birth father is an Eastern Catholic.*

### **If the child is age seven or above and is unbaptized...**

*Because the child is of the age of reason, he/she falls into the category of the catechumenate. This means that a period of evangelization and catechesis must take place before sacramental reception to allow for the growth of faith. Also, like all other catechumens, **the child will receive all three sacraments of initiation, together, at the time of his/her Baptism.** The sacrament of Penance will follow sometime after the day of Baptism, as Baptism grants a total remittance of sin, and as no other sacrament can be received without Baptism. Families should be informed that catechetical formation is still required for the child after receiving the sacraments of initiation, so that the gifts of faith, hope and love, given in seed form, can be nourished as the child develops.*

### **If a child was Baptized in a Protestant denomination and is a candidate for First Communion...**

*If the parents did not have the child entered into the parish registry before the age of six, the child must first make a **profession of faith** in the Catholic Church and its teachings, accepting the Catholic religion as his/her own, before reception of First Communion. This profession of faith must be recorded in the parish Baptismal registry with information about the prior baptism.*

### **If the RCIA teen is married and/or his/her spouse was Baptized Catholic and the marriage took place outside of the Church...**

*The marriage must be rectified sacramentally. The couple should work with the local pastor. The usual requirements for marriage preparation will be asked of the couple with RCIA formation.*

### **If the RCIA teen is engaged or married and either party has been previously married...**

*If either party has a previous marriage that has not been resolved with an annulment granted by a diocese, the inquirer should be informed of the need to contact the marriage tribunal as soon as possible, and if necessary, start a case. The local pastor should be informed of the same. Also inform the inquirer immediately that no guarantee can be given that any case submitted to the marriage tribunal will be resolved in time for reception into the Church by the coming year.*

**FOR CANONICAL ADVICE, PLEASE CONTACT:  
OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL -- DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH  
2900 NOBLESTOWN ROAD  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205-4227  
412-456-3033**