

INITIAL MEETING QUESTIONS

This series of questions is meant to give a springboard to conversation at the Initial Meeting with the RCIA Coordinator.

You are welcome to print this document, compose answers, and bring them with you OR email them before your scheduled initial meeting.

What was your faith life like growing up?

Consider your parents, their faith life, how they influenced your faith journey growing up. How did your siblings and friends affect your journey with God?

What happened that you seek to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Consider your history, your prayer life, the circumstances that brought you here. What brought you to recognize God, Jesus, His Church? Or maybe it was a person. What was it about that person that drew you to the Catholic faith?

How did you find out about Sacred Heart Church? Why did you choose to enroll in our RCIA process?

It can be as simple as you come here with your spouse and figured it's about time. We just want to know where you might be coming from.

What is your relationship with God like? With Jesus? The Holy Spirit? The Catholic Church? The Blessed Virgin Mary? The Saints?

We certainly don't expect you to have a relationship everyone listed! One way to help us understand your relationship with God is by explaining what your prayer life is like. Do you have a conversation with God in general? God the Father? Do you pray with Scripture? Do you pray the Rosary or have a devotion to a saint?

What support do you have as you undertake this journey of faith?

Are there people in your life whom you can trust to support you? How accessible and available are they to journey with you? Is there someone you can call on at any time to pray for you or answer questions? Do you have any resources you've already been looking into (e.g. Word on Fire, Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic CDs)

Have you told anyone about this first step of looking into the Catholic faith? How did your family/friends/co-workers respond to your decision?

We're here to be a support to you and we want to also make ourselves available to those whom you consider as important enough to tell them about this decision in case they have questions of their own.

What questions/concerns do you have?

Some things to consider sharing are if there is a particular teaching of the Church you are struggling to understand/accept. Maybe the challenge is the basic practical/logistical challenges of coming regularly to the sessions.

Questions? Please call the Office of Religious Education (760) 346-6502 Monday – Friday between 8:15 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.