

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Volunteer Ministry Position Description
RCIA Sponsor



Overview

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults prepares adults (18+) to enter into full communion in the Catholic Church. The process not only acquaints candidates and catechumens with the teachings of the Church but gives them an “apprenticeship” in the Christian life. The RCIA Sponsor represents the community of believers for an initiation candidate or catechumen and serves as a companion on the journey.

Activities/Responsibilities (list may be adapted as locally appropriate)

- Attends catechetical sessions and liturgical celebrations with an assigned candidate
- Attends sponsor formation sessions and meetings as required
- Forms a relationship of trust and confidentiality with a candidate or catechumen which extends beyond the formal RCIA process
- Provides opportunities for the candidate to enter into the life of the parish and of the Church
- Attends mass and other parish events with candidate or catechumen
- Answers questions of candidate or finds resources to obtain answers

Skills, Experience, Personal Traits and Qualifications

- At least 18 years of age and a fully initiated Catholic who participates in parish worship & life
- Listens well and is encouraging, helpful, supportive and non threatening
- Willing and able to share personal experiences of life in Christ and in the Catholic Church
- Able to foster relationships based on Christian values
- Combines being a person of prayer with a spirit of generosity
- Willing to work with RCIA Coordinator, Pastor, Facilitators and other Sponsors to ensure the ministry is conducted with efficiency, decorum and reverence
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries and Diocesan standards of care and curriculum

Screening Checklist for this Low Risk Position at St. Patrick's Church

- Completion of a Volunteer Information Form
- Agreement to the Diocesan Model Code of Conduct
- Training and orientation
- Supervision, periodic evaluations and participant follow-ups

Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator

Pastor

Date _____

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