Intake Interview

***Intake Interview*** – for use when an individual has expressed an interest in entering formation to become Catholic

Date:

Name:

Phone Number:  Email Address:

Date of Birth (YYMMDD):  Male  Female

Interview Conducted by:

***A little bit more about yourself and why you are here today:***

What led you to be interested in learning more about Catholicism/becoming Catholic?

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Please share about your personal experience with religion, faith, prayer, etc.

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What has been your experience with the Catholic faith?

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What would you say are the most important things you believe about God?

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Tell me a little bit more about your life (open-ended, so as to get to know the person’s story better):

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How have you tried to live out your belief in God in the past? Have you attended a church or other religious community in the past? Do you have any personal prayer practices? Have you read the Bible or other faith-based books?

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Tell me about your family – Single/Married? Children/Grandchildren? (Probe for separated, divorced, committed relationship, or engaged, if necessary: *Have you been married before? How many times? Has your spouse been married before? How many times? If married, ask for Marriage Documents; If divorced, ask for Divorce Decree*)

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***If it becomes clear that a canonical marriage issue might be present, below are recommended talking points:***

Because the Catholic Church views all marriages as a permanent bond, would you mind giving as many details about [the aforementioned situation] as possible right now, because it can affect your steps through the RCIA journey. The more we know about it now, the sooner we can consult with the Diocese’ Marriage Office, to let you know how this may or may not affect your journey through the RCIA process.

Do you feel comfortable sharing with me, or would you rather speak with our priest? Be assured that any personal details you share will be kept strictly confidential.

Either way, we will get back to you with information regarding what this means for you and your RCIA journey.

***Even if you as Coordinator/Priest know what the outcome might be, we encourage you to refrain from giving any answers or time frames at this point. This takes the pressure off the moment by building in a time-delay, and it assures the potential Catechumen/Candidate that they will receive accurate information in a timely manner, in the meanwhile allowing them to experience more of the RCIA process before addressing a potentially difficult process.***

**Invite the individual to the next step on the journey – whether that is the RCIA process, reading, attending Mass, etc. Make sure you have the best contact information for them for follow-up.**