



**CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
(RCIA) REGISTRATION FOR THE YEAR 2019-2010**

Are you, or do you know of someone, who has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?

Are you, or do you know someone, who was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation, and Eucharist?

The Church of Little Flower offers you or someone you might know an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The RCIA is how the early Christians joined the Church.

1. **REQUIRED CLASSES MEET EVERY TUESDAY FROM 7:00 PM THROUGH 9:00 PM
AT REILLY PARISH CENTER - CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER.
STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 , THROUGH APRIL 21, 2020**

2. **BOOKS YOU WILL NEED:**

- (a) **THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
- (b) **CATHOLIC BIBLE (PREFERABLY THE CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE NEW AMERICAN)**

3. **PLEASE PROVIDE ALONG WITH ATTACHED APPLICATION OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Baptismal certificate, (if baptized)
- First Communion certificate (if received)
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)

4. **SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS:**

Sponsors must have received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and be living a life consistent with faith and with the responsibility of a godparent, be members of the Catholic Church and canonically free to carry their office. The Sponsor has to be willing and available to participate in all Church events that will be announced at the beginning of the class.

PLEASE PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR SPONSOR'S:

- 1-Baptismal certificate,
- 2-First Communion,
- 3-Confirmation and
- 4-Catholic Marriage certificate (if married),
- 5- Letter from his or her Parish indicating he or she is a registered parishioner in good standing;

OR in the alternative a Sponsor Certificate from his or her Parish indicating that he or she is in good standing with his or her parish and is qualified to act as a Sponsor.

5. **NOTE: Prior Marriage: Generally, Catechumen (non-baptized) and Candidates (previously baptized seeking full Communion and Confirmation) who divorced and are presently re-married without obtaining a formal decree of nullity on the prior marriage(s) (either their own, or their spouses) by the Church may not receive any of the Church's sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion). If that is your situation please do not be discouraged please address your particular situation with Deacon Roberto F. Fleitas, Father Manny Alvarez, or his designee during your initial interview. If this is your situation, your application for enrollment in the RCIA Program must be reviewed and approved by Father Manny Alvarez or his designee before or shortly after classes begin. Please call the Parish Center at (305) 446- 9950 for an appointment. Please bring a copy of your completed application with you to your meeting.**

6. **The suggested donation, if you are able, is \$75.00.
Checks should be made payable to the Church of the Little Flower.
Please add in the check's memo: "RCIA".**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: DEACON ROBERTO F. FLEITAS JR.
CHURCH TELEPHONE: (305) 446-9950 or E-MAIL to: rfleitas@cotlf.org**

III. MARITAL STATUS

A. CATECHUMEN/CANDIDATE

Please check all that apply:

- Single - I have never been married in any type of ceremony, religious or secular (civil.)
- Engaged to be married in the Catholic Church.
- Married
- I am married but separated from my spouse.
- I am divorced and have not remarried.
- Widow/Widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

If Married please state:

*If married, please provide a copy of wedding certificate for our records on the first day of class.**

Type of Wedding: Civil Catholic other Christian Denomination

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse Mailing Address if other than yours.

Spouse Home Phone: _____

Spouse Work Phone: _____

Spouse Cell phone: _____

Spouse E-mail Address: _____

Your Spouse's current Religious Affiliation, if any: _____

Place of Marriage : _____
(name)

(Complete Address)

Date of marriage: _____

B. CATECHUMEN'S/CANDIDATE 'S PRIOR MARRIAGE (S): Please make sure to fill out section F.**

Is this your the above your first marriage? Yes No. If no, please list all prior marriages:

Name of Prior Spouse: _____

Date of Prior Marriage (s): _____

Place of Prior Marriage (s): _____

Type of Wedding: Civil Catholic other Christian

C. CATECHUMEN'S/CANDIDATE 'S FIANCE

If Engaged please state:

Fiancé's Last Name First Name Middle Name

Fiancé's Mailing Address City ZIP

Fiancé's Home Phone: _____

Fiancé's Work Phone: _____

Fiancé's Cell phone: _____

Fiancé's E-mail Address: _____

Fiancé's Religion: _____

Scheduled Date of Wedding: _____

Name of Church where the wedding will be celebrated: _____

D. CATECHUMEN'S/CANDIDATE 'S SPOUSE/FIANCE PRIOR MARRIAGES.** Please make sure to fill out section F

If this is not your spouse/fiancé's first marriage please list all prior marriages of your spouse/fiancé:

Name of Spouse/Fiancé's Prior Spouse (s): _____

Date Spouse/Fiancé's Prior Marriage : _____

Place Spouse/Fiancé's Prior Marriage: _____

Type of Wedding of Spouse/Fiancé's Prior Marriage: ____ Civil ____ Catholic ____ other Christian

E. ANNULMENTS

If divorced and remarried, are you or your spouse/fiancé presently involved in the annulment process? ____ Yes ____ No.

Please list the name and contact information for your Advocate.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

If divorced and remarried, do you have an annulment? ____ Yes ____ No.

F. WHAT OR WHO HAS LED YOU TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

G. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED AS A CHILD AND AS AN ADULT?

H. WHAT CONTACT HAVE YOU HAD WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO DATE?

I. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

IV. SPONSOR:

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Last Name First Name Middle Name

Mailing Address City ZIP

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Sacraments Received by Sponsor:

- ___ Baptism
- ___ Confirmation
- ___ Communion
- ___ Catholic Marriage

Sponsor's Parish Church Name: _____

NOTE: Sponsor will need to provide a Parish Letter stating he or she is a registered Parishioner and in good standing with the Church.

V. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRESENT FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? PLEASE CIRCLE ONE.

- A. I need much more information about the Catholic Church before I would consider joining.**
- B. I am considering joining, but I am still unsure about it.**
- C. I am fairly sure that I would like to join, but I still need some time to study and pray about it.**
- D. I am fairly sure that I want to join the Catholic Church.**

COMMENTS. (Please add any comment that you feel is relevant to your application).

VI. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Catechumen/Candidate Documents: Please provide along with this Application or as soon as possible, your Baptismal certificate, First Communion certificate and Marriage certificate. The suggested donation, if you are able, is \$75.00. Checks should be made payable to the Church of the Little Flower. Please add in the check's memo: "RCIA".

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

The completed application with the documents listed below, as applicable, may be sent by e-mail to DEACON ROBERTO F. FLEITAS JR at rfleitas@cotlf.org or delivered to the Church of the Little Flower Parish Center or mailed to Church of the Little Flower, Att: Deacon R. Fleitas, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

****ENROLLMENT APPROVAL**

_____, (Name of Catechumen/Candidate) is approved to enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes at the Church of the Little Flower for the 2019-2020 program.

Signature of Priest _____

Print Name of Priest: _____

Date: _____