

# *Our Lady of the Valley Parish*

**Dear Friend in Christ,**

We are delighted that you are interested in receiving the Sacraments and growing in your faith. This journey of learning more about the Catholic Church is an important step in deepening your relationship with Christ and His Church. Our goal is to help you become an active, faith-filled Catholic who seeks to do God's will in all areas of life.

We will be with you every step of the way, keeping you in our prayers.

## **Understanding Your Path**

- **Catechumen** – If you have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic, you are considered a Catechumen. You will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. **Please include a copy of your Birth Certificate when you submit this packet.**
- **Candidate** – If you are already baptized in a Christian tradition and seek to receive Holy Communion and Confirmation, you are considered a Candidate. **Please include a copy of your Baptismal Certificate when you submit this packet.**

## **Choosing a Sponsor**

Please begin considering who will be your sponsor. A sponsor is a practicing Catholic who regularly receives Holy Communion and can support you on your faith journey. They do not need to be perfect—just someone who sincerely strives to live their faith and can encourage you along the way.

## **Additional Documentation (If Applicable)**

- If you are currently married, please provide a copy of your **Marriage Certificate** (civil or church).
- If you have been previously married, please provide documentation related to those marriages.

## **Next Steps**

Once you have gathered the necessary documents, please contact us to schedule an appointment. At this meeting, we will discuss how best to begin your Adult Faith Formation journey.

We truly believe that your decision to take this step is an answer to prayer, and we look forward to walking with you on this journey of faith.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Peace,

Deacon Domingo Enriquez

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Baptismal Certificate    Catechumen    Candidate    First Communion    Confirmation

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FORM

- This information is **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHURCH AFFILIATION:**

Are you presently a member of a church? Yes No If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you last attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

### **SACRAMENTAL HISTORY:**

Have you ever been baptized? Yes No Year of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

If so, into which faith or church? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a certificate of Baptism? Yes No

### **MARITAL STATUS:**

Married Single Engaged Widowed

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

What faith is your spouse? \_\_\_\_\_ Your children: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently living with your spouse? Yes No \*\*If not, please give the reason and circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

Date, place and church of present marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the present marriage civil or church? Civil Church

Have you ever been married before? Yes No \*\* If so, how many times before? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your present spouse been married before? Yes No

**\*\*\* If you have been married before, please fill out the last attached sheet for each marriage**

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**GENERAL:**

Have you friends or relatives who are Catholic? Yes No

Have any of these people had a great influence in your lives? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Is there one particular person who has helped direct you in your interest in the Church?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you were to be baptized in the Catholic Church, is there a person who would be your

Sponsor? Yes No

NAME OF SPONSOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your religious training and education: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What members (if any) of this parish do you know already? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to write down any other information you might feel would be helpful for the pastoral staff and team to have:

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING**

**FOR EACH MARRIAGE:**

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the marriage civil or before a minister or a priest? Yes No

Were you baptized in a faith before marriage? Yes No Which faith? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the faith of your spouse at the time of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Was your spouse baptized prior to the time of marriage? Yes No

How long were you married? \_\_\_\_\_ Were there children born of that marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Were the children ever baptized? Yes No

Has your former spouse remarried and is he/she still married? \_\_\_\_\_

How was your marriage dissolved? \_\_\_\_\_

If there was an annulment, what was the year and the date: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the annulment civil or church? \_\_\_\_\_

If the annulment was civil, please list the name of the city and state in which the annulment is recorded. \_\_\_\_\_

If your marriage was annulled by the Catholic Church, please answer the following:

Date of Annulment: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish in which you reside: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of priest who guided you in the annulment: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Diocese in which annulment was granted: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your original marriage certificate? Yes No

Annulment Papers: Yes No

**IF YOU WERE DIVORCED, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

Date of Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State where divorce is recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your marriage certificate? Yes No

Copy of the Divorce Decree Yes No

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## Sponsor Eligibility Form

FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF:

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Rationale of Sponsor Eligibility: Sponsors for the Sacrament of "Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who lead a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken. (Code of Canon Law, CC874 and 893)

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I HEREBY AFFIRM my Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and my fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church;

I AFFIRM that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation;

I AFFIRM that I practice my Catholic faith by regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass and Communion;  
That, if married, my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church  
That, if I have children, they are being educated in the Catholic Faith;

I AFFIRM that I am registered parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ Church and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.

I THEREFORE, DO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM THAT I MEET ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS TO ACT AS A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM, SO HELP ME GOD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Sponsor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Signature



# Checklist for Adult Sacrament Preparation

Please use this checklist to ensure you have all the necessary documents and information before submitting your packet.

## 1. Personal Information

Completed Registration Form

## 2. Required Documents

- **For Catechumens (Not Baptized)**

- Copy of Birth Certificate

- **For Candidates (Already Baptized)**

- Copy of Baptismal Certificate

- **For Those Who Are Married**

- Copy of Marriage Certificate (civil or church)

- Copies of previous marriage documents (if applicable)

## 3. Sponsor Information

Name of Sponsor (A practicing Catholic who will support your faith journey)

## 4. Next Steps

Gather all necessary documents

Contact the parish office to schedule an appointment with Deacon Domingo

Pray for guidance and openness to the journey ahead

Once you have completed this checklist, please submit your packet to the parish office. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

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