

**REQUIRED PASTOR INVESTIGATION FORM**  
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN  
PROCESS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Catechumen \_\_\_ Candidate \_\_\_ (Please check)

Date of formal reception: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming)

Church of Intended Reception \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be signed with the parish seal and submitted as close to September 1<sup>st</sup> as possible in the year prior to the Easter celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and be mailed to the Parish Life Office: Christian Initiation.**  
It will be kept on file for three years unless parish notification is received for new status of the individual named.

**INSTRUCTIONS: The Pastor of the parish, or his delegate, must interview the potential Catechumen/Candidate. The initial interview should lay the groundwork for a relationship between the pastor, potential catechumen or candidate, the Christian Initiation director, and the faith community. The interview is also to insure expediency concerning any marital irregularity and assure that the Sacraments of Initiation especially Baptism, can be received at the appropriate time – the Easter Vigil. Candidates for sacraments whose annulment has not been procured before Ash Wednesday of the corresponding Easter should not be named and sent to the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent. It should be clearly understood that the Tribunal cannot guarantee that the process will be completed in time for the Easter Vigil, especially if the Libellus has been submitted within the same calendar year of intended Initiation. The Tribunal cannot guarantee that a favorable decision will be rendered.**

**I GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(must include Maiden Name of Married Female) Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code)

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

4. Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

5. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ His Religion \_\_\_\_\_

6. Mother's (Maiden) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Her Religion \_\_\_\_\_

7a. **FOR THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED CATHOLIC**

a. Church and place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

c. Can supply certificate? \_\_\_ (Answer Yes or No) Certificates are to be kept on file in the intended parish.

7b. **FOR THOSE CHRISTIANS BAPTIZED AS NON-CATHOLICS**

a. Have you ever been baptized, christened or sprinkled in any Christian denomination? \_\_\_ (Answer Yes or No)

b. If "Yes" name the church and address \_\_\_\_\_

c. Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Can supply certificate? \_\_\_ (Answer Yes or No) Certificates are to be kept on file in the intended parish.

**II MARRIAGE INFORMATION**

8. (Yes or No) Are you presently married? \_\_\_\_ Is this your first/only marriage performed through any type of ceremony? \_\_\_\_ Is this your spouse's first/only marriage performed through any type of ceremony? \_\_\_\_
- a. If "Yes" please furnish the following details: (If "No" please answer #9 also)
  - b. Full Name of Spouse (include Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Place and Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Before what type of official? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Can supply certificate? \_\_\_\_ (Answer Yes or No)
  - f. Will the marriage need to be con-validated? \_\_\_\_ (Yes or No answer completed by Pastor)
9. Have you and/or your spouse ever been married BEFORE your present marriage in any type of ceremony? If "Yes" continue. Please complete all information even if it is provided on page one of this form.
- a. **Full Name of petitioner** (include Maiden Name if it is applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Place and Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Before what type of official? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Can supply certificate? \_\_\_\_ (Yes/No)
  - e. How was the marriage terminated? (Please check) Death \_\_\_\_ Divorce \_\_\_\_ Declaration of Nullity \_\_\_\_
  - f. Place and date of termination: \_\_\_\_\_
- a. **Full Name of prior spouse** (include Maiden Name if it is applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Place and Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Before what type of official? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Can supply certificate? \_\_\_\_ (Yes/No)
  - e. How was the marriage terminated? (Please check) Death \_\_\_\_ Divorce \_\_\_\_ Declaration of Nullity \_\_\_\_
  - f. Place and date of termination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be completed by Pastor:**

10. Is an annulment necessary? \_\_\_\_ (Answer Yes or No)
11. Has the LIBELLUS (Petition) been submitted to the Tribunal? \_\_\_\_ (Answer Yes/No) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has the acceptance of the LIBELLUS Response form been received? \_\_\_\_ (Answer Yes/No) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Sponsor/Godparent's Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE RECEIPT:**

_____ Signature of Catechumen/Candidate	_____ Signature of Pastor
_____ Parish	_____ Date
_____ City/Town	(Parish Seal)

**PLEASE MAIL TO: DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**  
*Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*  
**Parish Life Office: Christian Initiation**  
**2713 West Chestnut Avenue**  
**Altoona, PA 16601-1720**