

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

RCIA Sponsor

Overview

The Sponsor accompanies a person seeking Christian Initiation. This role is exercised throughout the period of preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian Initiation. The RCIA Sponsor helps, through personal presence, to connect the person with the whole parish and Church community. The sponsor is a witness to the person's moral character, faith and intention.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Offers information re: daily practice of the faith and provides information about services and activities in the parish.
- Offers feedback to RCIA Coordinator about the progress of the participant's faith journey.
- Participates in discerning the person's readiness for the next steps in formation.
- Actively participates in liturgical life of the parish and in the RCIA Rites during the process.
- Attends RCIA training and sessions when possible.
- Seeks to be a friend, companion, guide throughout the initiation process and beyond.

Skills, Experience and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic Church in good standing.
- Is familiar with Christian Initiation and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Can relate and communicate with others and willing to commit as a companion.
- A person of prayer, a participant in parish worship and service.
- Honest, dependable, respectful of religious experience and maintains confidentiality.
- Has a helpful, supportive, joyful and respectful attitude in working with inquirers and candidates.
- Is comfortable with accountability, confidential and sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries.

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General Risk** position needing Completion of a Volunteer Information Form.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of RCIA Sponsor currently practiced at _____ Parish .

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date