

Discernment Questions

(prior to Rite of Election)

What does a Catholic follower/disciple of Jesus 'look' like? Someone who:

- Belongs to the community of the Church (relationships).
- Prays to God
 - o personal prayer
 - o communal prayer (especially Mass on Sundays)
- Listens to God's Word (Bible).
- Respects the teaching ministry of the church (Pope, Bishops).
- Receives the sacraments (sacred rituals).
- Models their life on the teachings of Jesus: love of God and neighbour.
- Lets go of anything that contradicts the teachings of Jesus (e.g. unloving or destructive habits).
- Reaches out in love to others.

1. Think about these different aspects of being a follower of Jesus:

- i. In what area have I taken positive steps?

- ii. In what area would I like to grow more?

2. Where do you feel that God is most active in your life at the moment?

3. What changes have you noticed in your life since being part of the Catechumenate (RCIA)?

4. What has been most valuable to you in your journey as a catechumen? What has been hardest?

5. How 'ready' do you feel at this time to receive the Sacraments and become a Catholic at Easter? Does becoming a Catholic feel very important to you? Or not so important at this time?

6. In learning about the Church and its traditions, what has been most helpful for you? What has given you most difficulty?