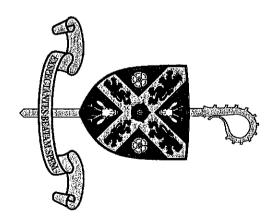
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PETITION FOR ADMISSION INTO THE CHURCH	PETITION FOR

First Name (s)..... Surname Previous religion or denomination?..... practising Catholic? Average duration of each..... Number of instructions..... Baptismal details if appropriate...... Date..... ask to be admitted as a member of the Catholic Church I firmly believe the teaching of Christ and His Church and I therefore formally Priest's signature and address..... Does the person understand enough about the Faith to commit to being a Length of time the person has been under instruction..... Signature If aged between 7 and 16, do parents or guardians approve?..... PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON SEEKING ADMISSION INTO THE CHURCH

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Up to the age of 7, reception into the Church is at the discretion of the Parish Priest. Over the age of 7 and under the age of 14 conversations with parents/guardians and applicant should take place. Reference should then be made to the Chancellor's Office.
- 2. For adults to be received into full communion or to be baptised communication with the Chancellor's Office is obligatory.
- Whenever Baptism or Reception of an adult takes place Confirmation should be celebrated at the same time. This faculty is granted by the Law itself
- 4. For children under 7 Confirmation should be delayed until the time when the child's peers will receive the Sacrament.
- 5. For those aged 7-14, discussion with the Chancellor should take place to determine the best pastoral approach. If the child requests Confirmation then it must be administered.
- 6. Baptisms of major Christian denominations are considered valid until proven otherwise. Therefore Baptism should not as a rule be readministered. However, in the case of doubt, conditional baptism should be administered privately after discussion with the Chancellor. Some sects do not administer Baptism as understood by the Church (eg Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses) and the person belonging to these sects should be baptised.
- 7. Registration must be in the Baptismal Register for those not baptised already. For all others - even if Baptism has to be administered conditionally - it should be in the Register of Reception.
- 8. Instruction this must last at least 3 months and one instruction of around one hour every week should be given. However, if good pastoral reasons exist this condition may be waived after consultation with the Chancellor.

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