

Catholic Journey Experience Application

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Name: Last _____ First: _____ Mi. _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Male: ___ Female: ___ Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Occupation: _____ Hobbies, Activities, Special Interests: _____

Roman Catholic: Yes ___ No ___ Do you regularly attend Sunday Mass at a particular Parish? Name and City

Are you a registered member of the Parish? Yes ___ No ___

What Parish ministries are you active in? _____

Christian Religious Affiliation: _____ **and Church Community** _____

Non-Christian Religious Affiliation: _____ **and Community** _____

Is your Spouse making a Catholic Journey Experience Weekend? Yes ___ No ___ Has already made one _____

Spouse's Religious Affiliation? _____

Do you have health issues, physical restrictions or special needs (including diet)? Yes ___ No ___ If yes explain and how we can assist? _____

Nearest Relative: Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

Do you give permission to contact Family & Friends for Prayer and Support of you at the Journey? Yes ___ No ___

The Catholic Journey Experience is a three day period to experience and participate in Catholic Spirituality as lived and shared by Catholic Laity of your Gender. The weekend includes Catholic Prayer; Topic Reflections are given then followed by discussion; meals; laughter; music and friendship are shared in Catholic Community with personal time for reflection and prayer. Catholics do not proselytize! Catholics proclaim the Good News and extend invitations to continued inquiry, study and experience of the Catholic Faith and its' rich history and traditions. Personal Transformation and Conversion are the work of the Holy Spirit in each individual, so there will be no pressure to accept or do anything an individual is uncomfortable with. You will only be expected to be present, to experience and to share your own insights as will the others in attendance. All People of Good Will are Welcome. This is clearly not an environment, place or time to debate or argue over denominational background differences and understandings or to proselytize for your own denominational beliefs but to experience Catholicism from a lay perspective and to share the positive insights that you have gained.

The weekend begins Thursday evening and ends mid-afternoon on Sunday. Those who are making their first Catholic Journey Experience weekend will have no assigned duties. Others may be asked to assist in some ways. Everyone will spend the entire weekend at the host facility where the weekend is held. Prior to the weekend you will receive a notice of acceptance (or that you have been placed on the waiting list for the next weekend to be held).

For Roman Catholics, Eucharist is the deepest and fullest sign of our unity, for it is the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Risen Jesus Christ. This has been our two thousand year tradition and therefore Eucharist is normally not received by those of other Christian denominations attending a Roman Catholic Mass or by those who are not baptized. Baptized Roman Catholics do not normally receive Eucharist if they have been away from the Church for an extended time and/or know that they have a serious moral impediment for which they need to seek reconciliation before receiving Eucharist. (Reference:- John Chapter 6; 1 Corinthians 10: 14-17 and 11: 27-29).

A Baptized non-Catholic expressing a desire to become a Roman Catholic begins by attending Sunday Mass with the Parish Community. After their formation in the faith they are called by the Church to become one with us. They do this by making a profession of faith (the Nicene Creed) and receiving Eucharist with the Parish Community. By those acts they come into union with us and one with us as a Roman Catholic. The Sacrament of Confirmation is often given at the same liturgy. This expresses the depth of the Catholic Unity related to the Eucharist. Therefore we ask that this ancient tradition be respected, for this depth of union of faith is a reality that does not exist between many Christians. We pray that such unity will someday exist.

Application Fee is a Non-Refundable \$20 and the Attendance Fee to be paid when the weekend starts is \$60. No one will be denied attendance because of financial inability to pay the attendance fee. A freewill offering opportunity is made available at the end of the weekend. You do need a Sponsor who will assist in your preparation for the weekend and whatever post weekend activities you may choose to become involved in.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Financial assistance fee waiver is requested: Yes _____ **No** _____

Applicant's Sponsor Portion to be completed

Sponsor's Name: Last _____ **First:** _____ **Mi.** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

Roman Catholic: Yes___ No___ **Do you regularly attend Sunday Mass at a particular Parish? Name and City**
_____ **Are you a registered member of the Parish? Yes**___ **No**___

What Parish ministries are you active in? _____

Non-Catholic: **What is your Religious Affiliation?** _____ **Community** _____

Have you attended a Catholic Journey Experience Weekend? Yes___ **No**___ **Are you active in the ministries?**
Yes___ **No**___ **Will you support your candidate if they desire to become active in the ministry? Yes**___ **No**___
Have you attended a Cursillo or Journey weekend? Yes___ **No**___ **Are you active in the ministries? Yes**___ **No**___
Have you read the Sponsor's Letter of Responsibilities? Yes___ **No**___ **Have you read and do you understand the**
Purpose and Goals of the Catholic Journey Experience? Yes___ **No**___ **Are you committed to support your**
Applicant as is required of a sponsor during and after the Catholic Journey Experience Weekend? Yes___ **No**___
How long have you known the Applicant and in what capacity? _____

If the Applicant is an active Roman Catholic registered and regularly attending a parish, have you informed the Pastor of their application to attend a Catholic Journey Experience Weekend? Yes ___ **No** ___ **If the Applicant is not an active Roman Catholic or a Non-Catholic and they express a desire for additional inquiry and ongoing attendance at Catholic Sunday Liturgies to what Catholic Parish will you accompany the Applicant?**

Parish: _____ **City:** _____ **Have you talked to the Pastor of the Parish and discovered what applicable programs that parish has available for ongoing formation appropriate for your Applicant and how the Applicant and you can begin attendance? Yes**___ **No**___

Application fee (Non-Refundable) Enclosed: _____ **Application fee was Previously Paid:** _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Accepted for the Catholic Journey Experience Weekend: Location _____ **Date** _____

Weekend Director: _____ **Spiritual Director:** _____