

Saint Paul the Apostle Old Catholic Church
Community Membership

Name: _____

SO Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Florida, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ SO Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ SO Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ SO Birthdate: _____

Relationship Status: Single Partnered Married Divorced Widowed

Our Anniversary Date: _____

Occupation: _____ SO Occupation: _____

Florida Residency: Permanent Seasonal

I (We) are interested in receiving the following Sacraments of the

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| Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reconciliation | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirmation | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Holy Orders | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Anointing | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Children/Elders in Our Household:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

I (We) are interested in parish religious formation for our children: Yes. No.

Our Religious/Spiritual Background is:

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| Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orthodox | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protestant | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evangelical Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> | SO | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | _____ | | |

I (We) would like:

A meeting with a priest. A house blessing Our contact information included in the Parish Directory.

We're glad you have chosen **St. Paul the Apostle!**

Finding a faith community can be difficult, but when you find the right one, you know you are home. Making a formal commitment to a faith community is an important step on a journey of faith. Membership provides a point of reference from which you can venture out on a life-long journey of faith. Membership also brings you into a fellowship of other members - fellow pilgrims - who are on faith journeys of their own. The Christian life is a life lived by faith-filled individuals who gather as a community of faith in Christ. Being a member helps foster an ever-growing community that provides a safe place to ask questions and listen for the voice of our loving and living God.

Membership at **Saint Paul** Old Catholic Church is open to all!

If you have not been baptized as a Christian or have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, first, you are certainly welcome here at **Saint Paul**. Second, we encourage you to explore and learn more by celebrating Sunday Liturgy and speaking with community members. If you like what you find here, we happily invite you to consider our Inquirer's Class which is offered each year as your desire is known. These two steps will help you determine if you would like to be baptized or confirmed in the Catholic household of faith. Those who complete the classes will be baptized and/or confirmed at the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

Choosing to join **Saint Paul** Old Catholic Church is making a commitment to our community. The members of our spiritual community need to know that we can count on one another to walk together in beloved community. Being a member of our community means commitment to our mission, our ministry and programs, our parish center and each other. Becoming a member brings both benefits and expectations.

Some know when they arrive that they wish to join. They may be long-time Catholics who have belonged to other parishes. Others may have been searching for a spiritual community for some time and realize when they arrive at **Saint Paul** that they have found what they were looking for in a community. Some come to **Saint Paul** without knowing quite what they are looking for in their spiritual home. They may need to attend liturgy, learn more about the church, participate in small groups and meet members before making a decision. There is no "right" length of time to wait before joining—it is a personal decision.

Within the context of your own personal, spiritual and religious journey, members are encouraged to:

- Worship with the parish community.
- Pursue your own spiritual growth.
- Join in the work and play of the parish community.
- Make a financial commitment.
- Care for and support others in our community.
- Perform service to the wider community.
- Connect with other Old Catholics, our life, and worship together.

Belonging to a community of faith can provide you with something deeper. A place to be oneself, warts and all. A place to be comfortably alone. A place to taste diversity. A place to weep. A place to sing. A place to weep while singing. A place to feel the depth of life. A place to know God. People come because they seek meaning, depth, healing, a word of significance that speaks to the realities of life. And they stay when they find it. What helps you become a more loving person is where you should be.

Perhaps you can share your discovery with others here at **Saint Paul the Apostle Old Catholic Church**. *Welcome! Come, share our joy!*