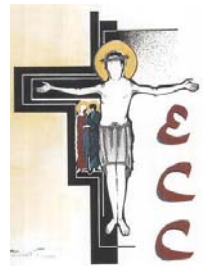


# Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church Community Membership



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 Church:

- Baptism  SO
- Communion  SO
- Reconciliation  SO
- Confirmation  SO
- Marriage/Union
- Holy Orders  SO
- Anointing  SO

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:

- |            |  |                       |  |
|------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 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 one of the priests.
- A house blessing.
- Our contact information included in the Parish Directory.

# We're glad you have chosen Holy Spirit ECC!

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 Holy Spirit Ecumenical 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 Holy Spirit ECC! 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 Holy Spirit Ecumenical 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 Holy Spirit Parish that they have found what they were looking for in a community. Some come to Holy Spirit Parish 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 expected 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 the larger Ecumenical Catholic Communion and its movement.

We officially recognize new members three times a year typically in March, July and November. Upcoming New Member Recognition Sundays can be found on our on-line calendar.

There are three basic steps you need to complete: Attend the membership orientation; write a brief paragraph describing your spiritual journey and why you would like to join Holy Spirit Parish, and finally, celebrate your membership on New Member Recognition Sunday with the parish community.

The membership orientations called "Exploring Community in Communion" are a single day event in two-parts. The first half is "Exploring Community" in which we share our story and learn the story of Holy Spirit ECC and the implications of membership within the community. After lunch together, the second half, which is called "Exploring Communion," explores the significance and life of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. Offered three times a year, these dates are announced on our calendar.

After you have attended the orientation and shared your written paragraph, the parish will then receive you as a member. You will be recognized at the next New Member Recognition Liturgy and Luncheon.

If you have questions about the community membership process, please contact Fr. Steve at: [fr.steve@holyspiritecc.org](mailto:fr.steve@holyspiritecc.org) or call him: **727-232-3918**.