

NAME: _____

RELIGION: _____

This inventory is designed to assist you to reflect on your personal experience and knowledge of your faith, as well as dialogue about it with your fiancé/fiancée and your priest or pastoral minister. It is hoped that your reflections and sharing will grow in your understanding of one another and deepen your relationship with God and each other.

Part I (circle)

1. When I think about God I feel...

- a. afraid
- b. bored
- c. confused
- d. warm
- e. happy
- f. loved
- g. angry
- h. _____

2. My thinking about God is that he...

- a. doesn't exist.
- b. is some far distant force.
- c. is the world's creator, knows and loves me.
- d. might exist, but I'm not certain.
- e. is something for children or the uneducated.
- f. _____

3. When I think about Jesus Christ I feel...

- a. he was a nice guy who did nice things for people.
- b. an unproved historical person.
- c. died on the cross to save us from sin.
- d. equal to God the Father.
- e. he is my Lord and personal Savior.
- f. _____

4. The most significant times when I experience moments of deep faith are...

- a. a beautiful sunset/ service.
- b. a new life.
- c. a difficult moment.
- d. a religious gathering.
- e. my first communion.
- f. seeing someone help another.
- g. the death of a loved one.
- h. _____.

5. The greatest religious influence in my life has been....

- a. my parents.
- b. my friends.
- c. the school I attended.
- d. the church I attended.
- e. my fiancé/fiancée.
- f. the Bible.
- g. _____

6. I would like to send our children to to ...

- a. private school with no religious tradition.
- b. public school.
- c. Catholic school.
- d. school that teaches values.
- e. _____

7. I believe that sin is...

- a. an offense against the Law of God.
- b. whatever one thinks it is for him or her.
- c. going against the laws of the state.
- d. an invention or religious people to keep others in line.
- e. punishable by God.
- f. cannot be forgiven
- g. can always be forgiven if one is sorry for it and intends not to do it again.
- h. _____

8. I believe that each person...

- a. is accountable to God for what he or she does.
- b. is obliged to no one other than himself.
- c. has responsibility to both God and neighbor.
- d. should take care of himself and his/her family and let others take care of themselves.
- e. should run one's own life just as one pleases.
- f. _____

9. My personal belief about an after Life is that...

- a. we cease to exist.
- b. we go to another planet.
- c. we appear before God's throne to be judged for what we did in life.
- d. we come back in another form as a plant, animal or human.
- e. _____

10. I practice my faith by....

- a. going to church regularly.
- b. getting involved in church sponsored activities.
- c. spending time in prayer.
- d. reading the Bible.
- e. trying to be nice to everyone.
- f. donating to the church.
- g. _____

11. My fiancé/fiancée and I...

- a. discuss religion a lot.
- b. discuss religion once in a while.
- c. never talk about religion.
- e. are embarrassed to talk about religion.
- f. agree on most things concerning religion.
- g. _____

12. I believe conscience is...

- a. what society says is right or wrong.
- b. just a word with no meaning for me.
- c. an "inner voice" which helps me make decisions.
- d. a feeling I have when I do something wrong.
- e. God telling me what is right or wrong.
- f. _____

13. I believe the Bible is...

- a. the word of God, the only rule of faith and practice.
- b. one of the major ways God speaks to us.
- c. a great book that should be read for its historical, inspirational and moral value.
- d. just a good book.
- e. of little or no moral value.
- f. _____

14. I feel that one should pray...

- a. whenever in need.
- b. every day at least.
- c. only when they attend church
- d. at meal time and when one goes to bed.
- e. only in private.
- f. together as a couple.
- g. _____

15. I think that institutional churches (organized religion) are...

- a. a ripoff.
- b. a place for ony nice people to attend
- c. a helpful group of people.
- d. trying to help people to find God in their lives.
- e. too stuffy, cold and impersonal
- f. boring
- g. _____

16. The reason I want to marry in the Church is...

- a. the please my parents and make them happy.
- b. it's a nice atmosphere for my wedding.
- c. it expresses the religious dimension or our relationship.
- d. the pastor is a close friend of mine/ours.
- e. I believe wedding ceremonies should take place in church.
- f. _____

17. Christian marriage for me means...

- a. God has blessed the marriage.
- b. God's grace is present in the marriage helping us live our marital commitment.
- c. to be married by a priest or minister.
- d. nothing different to me than any other marriage.
- e. is for life and cannot be dissolved by any human authority.
- f. being totally faithful to my spouse.
- g. our love will be such that it will help us achieve the fullness of the life God offers us.

18. When I think of my Church I...

- a. feel indifferent in regards to belonging or not belonging.
- b. find it to be group of people that help me in my relationship with God.
- c. believe that one church is as good as the next.
- d. cannot go along with all its teachings.
- e. don't believe that it is in touch with the situation in the world today.
- f. _____

19. I believe that Holy Communion/Eucharist...

- a. is nice symbol of Christ.
- b. reminds me of the Lord's Last Supper with the apostles.
- c. should be received by any believing Christian.
- d. is theBody and Blood of Christ.
- e. should be received only if one is free from serious or mortal sin.
- f. helps me get close to Christ.
- g. gives me strength to become a better person.
- h. is a waste of time.
- i. is something in which I do not believe.
- j. _____

20. I believe that Baptism...

- a. is necessary for salvation.
- b. is not necessary at all.
- c. is the beginning of the Christian life.
- d. in one church is as good as baptism in another church.
- e. keeps a baby from going to "limbo".
- f. is something that gets that family together for a social occasion.
- g. _____

21. When I want forgiveness I...

- a. pray to God and ask for forgiveness.
- b. go to confession to a priest.
- c. talk it over with a close friend.
- d. go and ask forgiveness from the person(s) I have hurt.
- e. don't think it and after a while it goes away.
- f. _____

22. In raising our children we intend to...

- a. let them choose their own religion
- b. bring them up as Roman Catholic
- c. take them to my church one
- d. let them try different churches.
- e. make our parents happy by baptizing them in my church or his /her church.

23. I think that after we are married We ought to attend church...

- a. when we feel like it.
- b. three or four times a year.
- c. at least weekly.
- d. once or twice a month.
- e. on the more important holy days.
- f. _____.

24. I feel that my future in – laws...

- a. are comfortable with the way I practice my faith.
- B. are opposed to the particular church to which I belong.
- c. say nothing about my faith or my church.
- d. seem to tolerate my religious practice but below the surface do not agree with it.
- e. have strong feelings about how a person should be if they consider themselves Christian.
- f. _____

25. The areas of differences which we have found in our personal beliefs are...

- a. God.
- b. Jesus Christ.
- c. the Bible.
- d. sin.
- e. heaven and hell.
- f. children
- g. education of children.
- h. church membership.
- i. prayer.
- j. church people.
- k. religious expression.
- l. _____.