

## Sample phone script for scheduling a dinner for an inquirer

Hi [Parishioner], this is [Name]. I'm calling because I have a favor to ask. As you know, I'm in charge of the team that helps people who want to become Catholic. I have someone right now who might be interested in joining us.

What I'm hoping you will do is invite this person to dinner at your house along with [Parishioner 2]. You know [Parishioner 2], don't you? He's on the finance committee. He has agreed to be parish companion for this person as he decides if he wants to become Catholic.

You don't have to do anything except cook one of your fabulous casseroles. This isn't supposed to be any kind of class. It's just a chance for this person to meet some Catholics and spend some time getting to know a few of us.

If it comes up, you might want to discuss why you are a parishioner at [Parish Name]. Really, though, the idea is just to have dinner and light conversation. What do you think? Can I put you down as a yes?

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### Tips:

- Avoid using jargon terms such as RCIA, precatechumen, inquirer, or catechumenate
- Assume the parishioners you call will be excited and happy to do this. A positive attitude on your part will be contagious
- Some people will say no, and that's fine. Don't feel or sound disappointed. Set a goal of asking at least three parishioners for every "yes" you need to get
- If you run out of ideas of who to ask, get the parish staff to help you come up with names