



## Catholic Marriage Care Service

*PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD*

# Higher Diploma In Counselling (Marriage & Relationship) 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Empowering people  
Fostering Relationships  
Caring for Couples facing  
the Challenges of Christian Marriage.  
This is the work of ACCORD  
In today's world*

**SECONDARY EDUCATION :**

School	Years at- tended	Examination taken	Results

**Third Level Education (Part & Fulltime)**

*(begin with most recent)*

Name of College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Level Education (Part & Fulltime)**

Name of College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Educational Achievements (arts, music, hobbies )**

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: (PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)**

Employer Name & Address	Years	Position	Reason for Leaving

Have you previously applied for training with ACCORD

 Yes

 No

If Yes what Year

Which Service?

Counselling

Education

Selection Outcome:

Selected

Not Selected

Please briefly state your reasons for applying to become a member of ACCORD as a counsellor:

Please describe your communication style citing examples:

Please give an example of how you managed conflict in your life:

Please give an example of how you have worked as part of a team:

Please give the name & contact information for two people ( not related to you) who ACCORD may contact for character references:

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
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Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
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Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

I declare that all the above statements and information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatement or omission of facts constitute grounds for non-selection or release. I hereby give permission for contact to be made with all relevant persons.

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Candidates are required to have access to and be familiar with microsoft word, email and the internet.**

Please number in order 1, 2, 3 the Centre you would have a preference to join:

Ballymun	Athlone	Dundalk	Navan	Wexford
Blanchardstown	Ballina	Ennis	Nenagh	<b>Northern Ireland Offices</b>
Bray	Ballinasloe	Galway	Newbridge	Armagh
Clondalkin	Bantry	Inishowen	Portlaoise	Ballymena
Dun Laoghaire	Carlow	Kilkenny	Roscommon	Belfast
Harcourt Street	Castlebar	Killarney	Sligo	Derry
Marino	Cavan	Letterkenny	Thurles	Downpatrick
Phibsborough	Charlestown	Limerick	Tipperary	Enniskillen
Swords	Clonmel	Limerick West	Tralee	Maghera
Tallaght	Cloyne	Longford	Tuam	Newry
Templeogue	Donegal	Monaghan	Tullamore	Omagh
	Drogheda	Mullingar	Waterford	

## VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nation-wide service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage.

ACCORD is committed to providing a quality service. Personnel, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, are appropriately trained.

ACCORD responds to the challenges facing Christian marriage today and affirms its value in an ever-changing world. It empowers couples to explore and reflect on:

- ◆ the essential elements of their marriage
- ◆ the purpose and value of their choices within a committed relationship

ACCORD serves the pastoral needs of couples at different stages in their relationship.

\* **Preparation for marriage** in a Christian context focuses on the essential components which foster a good couple relationship:

- lifelong commitment
- communication and conflict resolution skills
- responsible parenthood within a faith context
- time and resource management

\* **Ongoing support** throughout marriage facilitates:

- the development of strategies for the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well being of couples
- reflection on the Christian experience of love, commitment and family life

\* **Relationship counselling** is provided for couples as well as individuals in a couple relationship in a caring and confidential manner. It is a twofold process enabling clients to identify and acknowledge difficulties in their relationship and to discover the inner resources to deal with them

**ACCORD wishes that all prospective candidates are familiar with our Vision Statement above and also with our Mission Statement, which is on the cover page of this Application Form, so that they are fully aware of the ethos out of which the Organisation works.**