

Parent Agreement for Infant Baptism

The chief aim of the infant baptism policies is to see that young children—and the parents (guardians) who hold primary responsibility for their faith development—are effectively drawn into the beauty of our faith for this life and the next by participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

(Many Gifts, One Spirit, Seattle Archdiocese)

Dear parents:

We are so happy that you have requested baptism for your infant or young child. In order to insure that we can provide you with the best possible experience to help you and your child participate well in the sacramental life of the Church, please read the following excerpts from the *Many Gifts, One Spirit* document, published by the Seattle Archdiocese, and respond to the questions to the best of your ability.

Parents' names:

Father _____ Practicing Catholic? _____

Mother _____ Practicing Catholic? _____

IB 4. For an infant/child to be baptized at least one practicing Catholic shall agree to raise the child in the practice of the faith.

Please indicate how you currently practice your Catholic Faith: (e.g., attendance at Sunday Mass, participation in ministries, reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, etc.)

IB 5. When parents (guardians) are not in a valid Catholic marriage, particularly those who are attempting to observe their faith (e.g., through Mass attendance, participation in parish and school life) baptismal preparation is to include a process by which couples are encouraged to regularize their marital status within the Church in order to live out their Catholic faith more fully in the presence of their children.

Are you in a valid Catholic marriage (i.e., you were married in the Catholic Church or you became Catholic after already being validly married)? If not, please include below the date you met with Fr Jerry and the plan for regularizing your marriage:

IB 6. Parents or legal guardians should be registered members of the parish in which initiation occurs or reside within the canonical boundaries of that parish when it is territorial.

Are you registered at St Andrew? If so, for how long have you been registered members? If not, where are you registered? (Please explain the circumstances of your desire to have your child baptized outside of your registered parish. And please attach a letter from your pastor granting permission to baptize outside of your parish.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____