

Date of Intended Baptism:

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Today's Date:

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## **BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**

### **CHILD'S INFORMATION**

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

(Christian Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Boy (or) Girl

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RESIDENCE OF CHILD (mailing address)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (telephone number)

### **PARENT INFORMATION**

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Father: \_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Mother: \_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are Parents Married?: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

If Yes: Married in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

### **GODPARENT INFORMATION**

Godfather's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### **NOTES/ SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Proxy:

Adoption Information:

Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Criteria concerning Baptism in the Catholic Church:**

1. Infant Baptism: according to the laws of the universal Church, a minor child under the age of seven is considered as an infant (Canon 97.1) as well as those who habitually lack the use of reason. (Canon 99).
  2. For an "Infant" to be licitly baptized, it is necessary that:
    - a. at least one of the parents consents to it (or the person that lawfully takes the parents place). Baptism is to be postponed until after any adoption is complete and adoption papers/proofs can be procured. and;
    - b. there is a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Church. for example: formation and continued education in the faith, and participation in the spiritual life of the church community,... (Canons 868-869)
  3. There should be a godparent for the person to be baptized (who is not the father or mother of the one to be baptized). (Canons 873, 874.1)
  4. IF there are to be two godparents, that they be of the opposite sex (male and female). (Canon 873)
  5. **Qualifications of acceptable Godparents and/or sponsor:**
    - a. that he/she be designated by the parents of the person to be baptized; if this designation is lacking, the Pastor or Minister of the Sacrament may designate.
    - b. that he/she has the aptitude for an intention to carry out the duty;
    - c. that he/she be at least 16 years of age;
    - d. that he/she be a Roman Catholic of the Latin Rite (Eastern Rite Catholics are allowed);
    - e. that he/she has received the Sacrament of Confirmation;
    - f. that he/she has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion;
    - g. that he/she be a practicing Catholic that leads a life of faith in harmony with the Church;
    - h. that he/she not be under a lawfully imposed or declared canonical penalty.
  6. **Non-Catholic Witness:**
    - a. A baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial community 'may be' admitted as a "witness" to baptism only—not as a Godparent; but only along with a Catholic godparent. (Canon 874.2)
    - b. This privilege applies only to a Non-Catholic belonging to an ecclesial community i.e. Mainline Protestant Church, Greek Orthodox, and other Churches with valid baptisms. A Catholic cannot be a Witness.
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