



## **Baptismal Guidelines** for...

### **Immaculate Conception Church**

389 E. 150th St. Bronx, NY 10455

#### **Requirements for Parents:**

- At least **one(1)** of the parents must be a baptized Catholic.
- If the parents are registered in another parish/church community, they must bring a letter of permission from their Pastor in order to have their child / children Baptized here at Immaculate Conception.

#### **What the Church expects from the Parents:**

- Parents should have received the Sacraments of **Baptism**, Holy Communion (**Eucharist**) and the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. If they have not made these sacraments, they should enlist in the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A)**. This program will adequately, prepare both the parents and their children to understand the Catholic faith and practice it together as a family.
- Parents who seek the Sacrament of Baptism for their children should recognize the importance of being connected to the Christian family, to their local parish and recognize their connection to the Archdiocese of NY, by practicing the Catholic faith **regularly** with the local community here at Immaculate Conception Church. Parents are encouraged to **register** their family with our church administrative office. Of course, Baptism is a process of conversion, and never understood as a **one-day**, isolated event!
- Parents who were **not married**, or were married **civilly** by the State, or in their native country, should inquire with the priests about Marriage Preparation, or having their marriage **blessed** by the Catholic Church. The priests on our pastoral staff are eager to help you and can answer any questions you may have about this process.

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## How to select the Godparents (Sponsors):

- it is preferable that there be two(2) Catholic Godparents.
- A Godparent may be single, a Priest, or a religious Brother/Sister in vows
- Godparents should be baptized Catholics who have made the sacraments of **Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation**.
- Godparents should practice the faith **regularly** in their local parish.
- Selected Godparents need to provide an official **copy of their Baptismal certificate** to our administrative office for our records.
- Godparents need to get a **Letter of Eligibility** from their local parish stating that they are practicing Catholics in good standing.

**\*\*\* - If it proves difficult to find two(2) Catholic Godparents that practice the faith, it is possible to have one(1) Godparent who is Catholic, and the second(2) would need to be a baptized Christian. Naturally, those who are NOT baptized Christians CANNOT serve as godparents, because they will not be able to teach the child nor assist parents, to better understand and to faithfully practice the Catholic faith.**

**There will be one Prep. Class for parents/Godparents prior to the Date of Baptism.**

**In the Roman Catholic Rite - A person would receive Baptism first, followed by Holy Eucharist, and then would receive the sacrament of Confirmation.**