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Print Form

Baptismal Requirements

- (1) Parents and sponsors (godparents) must attend a pre-Baptism class.
- (2) Unfortunately, we are currently not offering a Pre-Baptismal Class here at OLPH. Instead, we ask our parishioners to complete the Infant Baptism Course for Parents and Godparents that is found on lacatholics.org.
- (3) The full name, e-mail address and physical address for each participant is required.
- (4) The Sacrament of Baptism is administered by appointment only. Please contact the Parish office to schedule the baptism.
- (5) Parents must be registered parishioners of OLPH to have the Baptism at OLPH.
- (6) The (GREEN) Baptismal Register Information form must be completed for the Baptism to take place. The priest or deacon will bring this completed form to the Baptism.
- (7) Please make arrangements with the parish office to make your baptismal offering or bring it with you to the baptism.
- (8) Failure to complete all baptismal requirements may result in having to postpone the Baptism.
- (9) Please check with the parish office if you have questions. It is open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM for your convenience.
- (10) A Certificate of Completion will be sent to you soon after the class.

Please see page two of this form for additional information regarding Godparent/Sponsor eligibility.

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism

- (1) Sponsors (godparents) must be registered members of OLPH or have a letter from their home parish stating they are a **practicing** Catholic who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and has received the sacrament of Confirmation may be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism.
- (2) If a married person is chosen as a sponsor (godparent) they need to have been married in the Catholic Church.
- (3) Only one sponsor (godparent) is required, however one male and one female are usually chosen.

Canon (church) Law regarding Sponsors

Canon 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Canon 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Canon 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2/ have completed the eighteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who lives a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. *A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate **except** together with a Catholic sponsor and **then only as a Christian witness of the baptism.***

A Baptismal candidate may have one or two Sponsors/Godparents.

*Each Godparent/Sponsor must meet the requirements noted below.
Please sign and date this page and return to Deacon Jay at the Pastoral Center.*

Sponsor / Godparent Statement of Eligibility for BAPTISM.

Name of individual to be Baptized _____

I recognize that in accepting the role of Sponsor/Godparent, I become responsible to be a model and example of the Catholic faith to the newly Baptized as a committed and active Catholic and to be a support to this child's parents in the practice of the faith.

I hereby affirm that I am committed to my Catholic faith, that I myself am Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith, that if married, my marriage has been blessed as a sacrament in the Catholic Church. I further affirm that I meet my fundamental obligations as a Catholic by faithfully participating in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and Penance as necessary, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in Sacred Scripture and taught by the Catholic Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by seeking to be of service to others for love of Him. I am at least eighteen years of age.

Name of Godparent/Sponsor - **Printed**

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor - **Date**

Please provide this additional information

Baptism

Name of Parish where you were Baptized
and exact date of your Baptism _____

Confirmation

Name of Parish where you were Confirmed
and exact date of your Confirmation _____

If Married

Name of Parish where you were Married
and exact date of your Marriage _____

**This "Statement of Eligibility for Godparents / Sponsors"
must be completed, signed and
returned to Deacon Jay before your
Pre-Baptism Class Certificate of Completion will be sent**