

Who Can be a Godparent?

- 1 One who has the intention of performing the role of a baptismal sponsor, that is, one who will help the baptized child to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.
- 2 One who is at least sixteen years old.
- 3 One who is a Catholic who has already received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- 4 One who is not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
- 5 One who is not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

Practicing Catholic Godmother

Godmother's Full Name

Practicing Catholic Godfather

Godfather's Full Name.

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic church may not be admitted as a baptismal sponsor. They may be admitted as a witness to baptism as long as there is also at least one practicing Catholic sponsor. If there will be a non-Catholic witness at your child's baptism please give their full name below:

By the witness of my signature I, as a Catholic parent, desire to fulfill the obligations of a Christian parent and thereby request Holy Baptism for my child: or, as a non-Catholic parent, I give permission for my child to be baptized and instructed in the Catholic faith.

Mother's Signature

Date

Father's Signature

Date

Your Child's Baptism

From the earliest times, the Church, to which the mission of preaching the gospel and of baptizing was entrusted, has baptized children as well as adults. Our Lord said: "Unless one is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, he/she cannot enter the kingdom of God."¹ The Church has always understood these words to mean that children should not be deprived of baptism, because they are baptized in the faith of the Church. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents, who represent both the local Church and the whole society of saints and believers: "The Church is at once the mother of all and the mother of each."²

INTRODUCTION TO THE RITE OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

¹ John 3:5

² Saint Augustine, Epistle 98, 5: PL 33, 362

Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to have your child baptized and raised in the Catholic faith given to us by Christ through his Church. Please fill out the information requested and return this form to the parish office. You will be asked to view a DVD so you will be prepared to take part in your child's baptism with understanding and appreciation. When you have completed the above then contact the parish priest to set a date for the baptism and to ask any questions you may have about the baptism of your child.

Information for The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

{Please be kind and PRINT}

Full Name of Child to be Baptized

Date of Child's Birth

Place of Birth: City, State, Nation

Was this Child Adopted? {Yes/No}

**Please make a photocopy of the child's
Birth Certificate
and return it with this form. Thank you.**

BAPTISM DATE

The Child's Parents

Are the Parents Married to each other? Yes / No

Date of Marriage

Are the Parents Married in the Catholic Church? Yes / No

If not married in the Catholic Church then where?

The Child's Mother

Mother's Full Name

Mother's Maiden Name

Full Address of Mother

Mother's Telephone Number / & Email Address

Mother's Religion

If one of the parents is not a Catholic he/she may remain silent at the profession of faith during the baptism. All that is asked of him/her, when he/she requests baptism for the child, is that he/she should make arrangements, or at least give permission, for the child to be instructed in the faith of its baptism, that is, the Catholic faith.

The Child's Father

Father's Full Name

Full Address of Father

Father's Telephone Number / & Email Address

Father's Religion

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