

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM



Name of the Child: _____

Date of birth: _____
 day month year

Place of birth: _____

Date of proposed baptism: _____

Permission to post announcement of your child's baptism in the bulletin: Yes ____ No ____

Name of the Father: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Location of Baptism: _____

Religion: _____ Signature: _____

Name of the Mother: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Location of Baptism: _____

Religion: _____ Signature: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Address of the parents: _____

Phone number: _____ or _____

Church/city where marriage took place: _____

Name of the Godfather: _____

Religion: _____ City of residence of the Godfather: _____

Name of the Godmother: _____

Religion: _____ City of residence of the Godmother: _____

- *Please complete ALL AREAS
- *Please attach copy of birth certificate (large one with both parents names)
- *Please refer to attached documents for more information



Baptism and Godparents

(Roman Catholic Church requirements)

GODPARENTS:

- There should be a godparent for the person to be baptized. In infant baptism, the godparents, together with the parents, present the child for baptism and helps the baptized to lead the Christian life expected by Baptism (*Codex Iuris Canonici*, can. Law 872). So we should not baptized those who do not have a godparent.
- Godparents are persons, who are designated by the candidates themselves (in Adult baptism) or by the candidate's parents (in Infant baptism) or whoever stands in the place of parents, or in the absence of these, by the minister of baptism.
- Each candidate may have either a godfather or a godmother or both a godfather and a godmother. (*CIC*, can. 873). It is good to have a married couple as godparents.

Who qualifies to undertake the duty of a godparent?

- Those designated must have the capability and intention of carrying out the responsibility of a godparent and be mature enough to do so.
- A person sixteen year of age.
- Those designated as godparents must have received the three sacraments on initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and be living a life consistent with faith and with the responsibility of godparent.
- Those designated as godparents must also be members of the Catholic Church and not be under a lawfully imposed or declared canonical penalty.
- One is not the father or the mother of the candidate (*CIC*, can. 874. §1).

At the request of parents, a baptized and believing Christian not belonging to the catholic Church may act as a Christian witness along with a catholic godparent (*CIC*, can. 873 and 874, §§1 and 2).

GODPARENTS BY PROXY:

If the godparent cannot be present in person, he or she may appoint another person to serve as a proxy, but the appointment must be made in such a way that there is certainty as to the person who takes the responsibility as godparent.

Ordinary the appointment of the proxy should be made by the godparent in writing or before two witnesses, in order that there be certainty as to who is the responsible person. The custom of leaving the appointment of the proxy to the parents of the infant or to the baptizing priest tends to make sponsorship doubtful, and is to be reprobated. The real godparent must give a mandate directly or indirectly (through the agency of others but with his or her consent) to the proxy. In the record of baptism the names of the godparent and the proxy should be entered.