



*“Catechesis for baptism is directed primarily to adults – adult candidates for baptism and parents and godparents of infants who are to be baptized. Preparation for the Baptism of infants ...encourages parents to reexamine the meaning which faith has in their lives.”*

National Catechetical Directory

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### **Requirements for Infant Baptism**

1. Parents should make arrangements with the Church office to have their child baptized during the fourth or fifth month of pregnancy (PM F-39.6).
2. An initial interview must be scheduled with the deacon (PM F-40.A8).
3. Parents are required and godparents are encouraged to attend a Pre-Baptismal Instructions.
4. Godparents chosen by the parents must be at least **16 years of age**, be a **Practicing Catholic**, in good standing with the Church, and be **Confirmed**. If married, the marriage must be a valid and recognized marriage in the Catholic Church (PM F-41.C1-7).
5. All paperwork must be submitted to the CCE Office one week prior to the Pre-Baptismal Class.
6. Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first Sunday of every other month.
7. A copy of the birth certificate is required for proper registration in Church records (PM F-44.G1).
8. A Certificate of Attendance will be signed and given out upon completion of the Pre-baptismal Class.

***Thank you for bringing your child before God and the St. Monica community so that he/she may be freed from sin, born again as a child of God and made a member of the Church***



**Baptismal Registration Form**  
**(Please Print)**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date & Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Father's Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Mother's Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Are Parents Married in the Catholic Church?       Yes       No

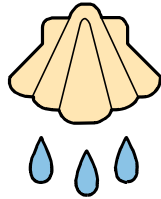
If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Does a proxy represent either Godparent?       Yes       No

If Yes, Name of Proxy: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to have your child baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **Regulations for Baptism Godparents/Sponsors**

Being a godparent/sponsor is an official responsibility in the Church. The Code of Canon Law has established certain requirements for godparents/sponsors (CL 872-874). These requirements are:

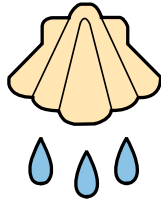
- 1) That the sponsors be baptized Catholics who have received First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation (PM F-42.2.c).
- 2) The sponsors must be practicing Catholics, this means: living a life of faith, participating in the Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, confessing at least once a year and receiving Holy Communion worthily during Easter season. Needless to say, Catholics married outside the Church **or** who are living together without marriage cannot be godparents/sponsors (PM F-42.2c&d).
- 3) Be at least 16 years old (PM F-42.2e).
- 4) Parents cannot be sponsors for their own children (PM F42.C2e).
- 5) A child may have one sponsor of either sex, or two sponsors, each of a different sex (PM F-43.C4).

The godparents/sponsors are encouraged to attend the pre-baptismal class

If the sponsors cannot be physically present for the baptism, Catholic “proxies” may stand in their place. There are no further requirements concerning who serves as a proxy (PM F-43.C5).

A Baptized Protestant or Eastern Orthodox Christian may stand as a “Christian Witness” together with a Catholic godparent/sponsor (PM F-42.C3).

*These regulations are an indication of how serious the Church views  
the role of godparent/sponsor.*



## **Godparents/Sponsors**

*“For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents’ help is important. So too is the role of the godfather and godmother, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized-child or adult – on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function...” (CCC #1255)*

**(Please Print & Sign)**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Child you wish to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Date of your birth: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am at least 16 years of age. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

(However, a baptized Christian not belonging to the Catholic Church may act as a secondary Christian witness as long as there is also a primary Catholic Godparent.)

4. I am registered at the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the City & State of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am not married outside of the Catholic Church, nor am I cohabitating (living outside of marriage with someone).
6. I normally attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, go to confession at least once a year, and receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

***The Godparents should be living an exemplary Christian lives. This means that they should be normally attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and going to confession at least once a year. Those Catholics who are married outside the Catholic Church, or who are living with someone outside of marriage, may not be Godparents.***

*I understand and accept the responsibilities, which I undertake as a sponsor for this person. I will assist his/her parents in their Christian duty, and will help this person, by example, word and action, to live as a faithful Christian in communion with, and according to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.*

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Godparent’s Signature

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Date