

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Infant Baptism Registration Form

Date: -----

Child's Name: ----- Gender: M----- F-----

Place of Birth: ----- Date of Birth: -----

Parents are required to present copy of Birth Certificate

Mother's Maiden Name: ----- Religion: -----

Home Address: -----

Mailing Address: -----

Telephone Numbers: -----

Home

Work

Cell

Place of Birth: ----- Occupation: -----

Church and place of Marriage: -----

Are you a registered member of this Parish? -----

If no, in what parish are you registered? -----

REVIEW OF LIFE: Baptism: ----- Confirmation: -----

Father's Name: ----- Religion: -----

Home Address: -----

Mailing Address: -----

Telephone Numbers: -----

Home

Work

Cell

Place of Birth: ----- Occupation: -----

Are you a registered member of this Parish? -----

If no, in what parish are you registered? -----

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GODPARENTS

Godparents must be Catholics in Good Standing

Godmother's Name: -----

Religion: ----- Church ----- Marital Status: -----

Godfather's Name: -----

Religion: ----- Church ----- Marital Status: -----

Interviewed by: -----

Pre-Baptism Seminars: 1. ----- 2. -----

3. -----

The Sacrament was conferred by: Rev. -----

Date: -----

CHURCH LAW requires that a candidate for Baptism – for membership in the Church community - should be sponsored by a baptized and confirmed member of the Catholic Church who is willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic Faith. There must be at least one sponsor or Godparent. In the case where there are two sponsors, one must be male and the other female. Sponsors must present a letter that they are practicing Catholics. The minimum age for a baptized and confirmed Catholic to be a sponsor is eighteen (18) years of age. A baptized Christian non-Catholic may not be a sponsor, but may act as a witness. Non-baptized persons may not officially act as a sponsor or a witness to a Baptism of a child in the Catholic Faith.

Baptismal Sponsors (Godparents)

The following information is taken from the canons (laws) of the Church regarding baptismal sponsors.

In so far as possible the one being baptized is to be assigned a Sponsor (Godparent):

- In the case of an infant baptism, the role of the Godparent is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.
 - In the case of an adult baptism, the Sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation. *Canon 872*
- One Sponsor (Godparent), male or female, is sufficient. *Canon 873*
 - To be admitted to undertake the office of Sponsor (Godparent), the person must:
 - be appointed by:
 - the parents or whoever stands in their place (for infants)
 - by the candidate for baptism (for adults) or failing these
 - by the parish priest or the minister (for infants or adults)
 - the person must be suitable for this role and
 - have the intention of fulfilling the role of Sponsor (Godparent).
 - Be not less than eighteen years of age.
 - Be a Catholic who has been:
 - Baptized
 - Confirmed
 - Received the Eucharist.
 - Be a Catholic who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.
 - Be in good standing in the Church.
 - Attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receiving Holy Communion.
 - Celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year.
 - Obeys the laws of the Church concerning the Sacrament of Marriage: If married, the marriage was witnessed by a Catholic Priest or deacon.
 - If not married, then not in a common law union, that is, "shacking up"
 - Cannot be the father or mother of the person to be baptized.

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- Christian witness – A baptized person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism. *Canon 874*

*If the Sponsor (Godparent) chosen is not a member of Holy Family Parish an eligibility letter is necessary.

Eligibility Letter:

On official parish letterhead the following needs to be addressed:

- The sponsor has been Baptized, Confirmed, and received Holy Communion.
- The sponsor is in good standing in the Church:
 - Attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receiving Holy Communion.
 - Celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year.
 - Obeys the laws of the Church concerning the Sacrament of Marriage: If married, the marriage was witnessed by a Catholic Priest or deacon.
 - If not married, then not in a common law union, that is, “shacking up”
- The pastor must sign the letter and
- The official parish seal must be stamped on the letter.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. God Parent's Name: _____

2. Are you a Baptized Catholic? Yes No
(a) Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Yes No

3. Are you registered at Holy Family church? Yes No
(a) If No, where do you attend church? _____

4. Are you over the age of 18 years? Yes No

5. Are you married? Yes No
(a) If Yes, in a Catholic Church, Yes No
(b) If No, are you cohabitating? Yes No

6. Do you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation? Yes No
(a) If No, why not? _____

7. Do you go to Confession at least once per year? Yes No
(a) If No, why not? _____

8. Do you receive Holy Communion daily, weekly, or monthly? _____