



# Baptism of an Infant

## The Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
First name                      Middle name(s)                      Last name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Due date                      **OR**                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth                      Male      Female

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth                      Sex  
(circle one)

## The Parents

### Mother

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**First name**  
**Middle name(s)**  
**Last name**  
**Last name at birth**  
**(for mother)**  
**Religion**  
**Street Address 1**  
**Street Address 2**  
**City**  
**Province**  
**Postal Code**  
**Phone Number**  
**Email**

### Father

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**Godparents**

You may choose up to two godparents for your child. When making your decision, please read and review all the guidelines provided below. A baptized non-Catholic Christian can serve as a “Christian Witness” in place of *one* of the godparents.

Godmother’s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather’s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable:*

Christian Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe your desire to have your child baptized?**

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## **Role of the Godparent**

A godparent (also called a “sponsor”) “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 872). When choosing your godparent(s) “there is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each” (Can. 873).

## **Qualifications to be Godparent**

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 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; (Can. 874 § 1.1)
- have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause; (Can. 874 § 1.2)
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; (Can. 874 § 1.3)
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; (Can. 874 § 1.4)
- not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized (Can. 874 § 1.5).

## **Can a non-Catholic be a Godparent?**

A non-Catholic can serve as a “Christian Witness,” assuming there is already one Catholic who meets the above qualifications serving as a Godparent. A Christian Witness is someone close to the family of the child to be baptized and who promises to help the parents raise their child in the Catholic faith by offering a good witness to Christian life. A Christian Witness must be baptized in a Christian denomination recognized by the Catholic Church.