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Holy Trinity
Catholic Church

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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All information is confidential and recorded in Holy Trinity Parish Registry

Child's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Place of Birth: _____
City/State Country

Home Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

*****A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany Registration Packet***
*If the legal guardians are not the biological parents,
Legal Documentation – verifying guardianship – must be submitted.***

Father's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Religion of Father: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Religion of Mother: _____

Marital Status of Parents: Married Unmarried

Child Lives With: Both Parents Mother Father Other: _____

Was the child adopted? YES NO

Was the child privately baptized? YES NO

Godparent(s) Information

The Catholic Church requires the following of godparents (Code of Canon Law – 874.1):

- The godparents are to be appointed by the parents or guardians.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- They must be baptized Catholics who have received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one being baptized.
- You may choose one or two godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
- Godparents are required to take the Baptism Formation Class – available online. If registered with another parish, Baptism Formation Classes may be completed at that parish.
- They should be practicing Catholics, leading a life in harmony with Catholic Faith, i.e., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, regularly receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion.

Think ahead regarding your choice of Godparents and **seriously consider the qualifications** of those chosen. There is one Godfather and one Godmother – no multiples.

It should be noted, selection of godparents is not a legal declaration of potential future guardianship.

Name of Godfather: _____ Catholic? _____

If married...

Is the godfather in a valid Catholic marriage; i.e., married in the Catholic Church? [] YES [] NO
If no, this person does not qualify as a godparent.

Name of Godmother: _____ Catholic? _____

If married...

Is the godmother in a valid Catholic marriage; i.e., married in the Catholic Church? [] YES [] NO
If no, this person does not qualify as a godparent.

Will either Godparent be represented by a Proxy(ies)? [] YES [] NO

Name of Proxy(ies): _____

Parental Baptism Petition

*To Be Completed by the **Parent(s)** and Turned-in, Along with the Godparent(s)' Petition Forms,
At the Pre-Baptism Meeting with the Priest/Delegate*

Please carefully read the following and answer the preceding questions regarding the Baptism of infants, and the spiritual responsibility parents and godparents accept by having a child baptized in the Catholic Church:

“Catechism of the Catholic Church”

1250 Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.

1251 Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them...

1255 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 (*officium*). The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism.

- 1) In your own words, why are you seeking Baptism for your child in the Catholic Church?

- 2) What is your understanding of what happens to your child – spiritually – in the Sacrament of Baptism? *(See “Catechism of the Catholic Church”, paragraphs 1279 – 1280, available for free online)*

- 3) By having your child Baptized in the Catholic Church, you are taking on the responsibility of raising him/her in the Catholic Faith. In what practical ways do you see yourself assisting your child's spiritual growth process?

- 4) In what ways will you lead your child in continuing the Sacramental process in his/her life? *(Specifically, as regards first Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation)*

Certification

Name of Child Being Baptized: _____

Requested Date of Baptism: _____

(We cannot guarantee the Baptism will take place on the date requested)

We, the undersigned certify that all information provided in the Baptism Registration Packet is true and correct, and hereby give permission for the Baptism of the above-named child in the Catholic Church. We also acknowledge that there is a “founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion” (*Code of Canon Law 867-868*):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

- Parents are asked to **plan ahead** – no celebrations/parties should be planned and no invitations should be sent out before completing the Baptism Formation Class and your meeting with the priest/delegate, at which time the Baptism will be formally scheduled.
- It is best to begin the process **before the baby is born**.
- The parents of the child/children seeking Baptism are encouraged to be **registered in the Parish**.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8AM-4:30PM AND FRIDAY 8AM-12:30PM**