

# CATHEDRAL CHAPEL *of* ST. VIBIANA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SINCE 1927

## BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

The birth of a child is a major event in the life of any family. On behalf of Cathedral Chapel of St. Vibiana, Los Angeles, we extend to you and your child our warmest welcome.

Baptism is a welcoming of your child into Christ and into the Church. You are the primary teachers of your child. Your child will learn about life, love, God, and religion from you. By your example and life, your child will learn about your values and beliefs. A decision to have a child baptized is serious. This decision means that you are choosing to accept responsibility for your child's early faith development.

Baptism is a beginning of one's life in the Family of God and is surely a most important step. To assist you and before we can begin the registration process, we have established the following requirements:

1) You (the parent/s) **must** be a baptized and practicing Catholic; submit copies of Baptismal certificates. You must be a registered parishioner to have your child baptized in our parish.

If you are **not** registered and attend another parish, request a letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at Cathedral Chapel.

2) You must **submit** a copy of your child's birth certificate or hospital certificate.

3) **Selecting Godparents** - selecting Godparents is an important task for parents because they will be the secondary teachers and/or role models for your child. **Godparents must be Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.** If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. If the Godparents are not married, but are a couple, they must be living in separate households.

**Each** Godparent **must** fill out and sign the Godparent Commitment form and submit it with the Baptism registration form, along with a copy of Godparents' Baptismal Certificates.

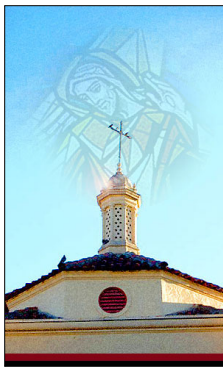
Ask each Godparent to request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with parish seal.

**Non-Catholics may not be godparents** but may be an official witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent who fulfills the requirements outlined in the Godparent Commitment Form.

4) **Print and fill out** the Baptismal Registration form, which is available on the second page of this document. You may also pick up a form from the parish office.

5) **Setting Baptism Date** - in order to confirm and set Baptism date, you must have turned in all of the above requirements and have paid the fees in full. You will not be allowed to schedule a baptism date unless the above requirements are met.

For any questions, you may call the Parish Office or via email at [parish@cathedralchapel.org](mailto:parish@cathedralchapel.org). We look forward to assisting you with your baptismal needs. Congratulations and may God's blessings be always with you and family. CCSV.7/2021



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*"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..." (1Peter 1:5)*

## REGISTRATION FOR BAPTISM

*(To be filled out by parents and submitted before a baptism date is set.)*

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Requested date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child:** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Mother:** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic  Non-Catholic

**Name of Father:** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic  Non-Catholic

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Marriage:**  Marriage by Catholic Church  Marriage by Courts  Single Parent

Was the child ever privately baptized?  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered in this Parish?  Yes (Parishioner no. \_\_\_\_\_)  No

If no, parish where you are registered \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never or other?) Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you receive the sacraments: Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you involved in parish life: Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

**Godparents:** Each Godparent must fill out the Godparent Commitment Form on the following page.

I have read and understand the Baptism guidelines and agree that any false information given, may result in the Baptism being null and void.

### **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Payment Received:  Yes  No | Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded in Parish Book, Vol. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Page No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Mailed  Picked Up

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### **BAPTISMAL FEE:**

#### **Private Baptism:**

\$350 (Parishioner) \$500 (Non-Parishioner)

**Regular Baptism:** \$100 (Every 4th Sunday/month.)

\$75 each if two or more children from the same family.

Fees includes priest stipend, church stipend & administrative fees.

Church: 923 S. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Parish Office/Mailing Address: 926 S. Detroit Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Tel: (323) 930-5976 † Fax: (323) 935-7308 † Email: parish@cathedralchapel.org † cathedralchapel.org



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## COMMITMENT FORM FOR CATHOLIC GODPARENT for BAPTISM & SPONSOR for CONFIRMATION

*Canon 874: To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.*

You have been asked to be a godparent or a sponsor for an upcoming baptism or confirmation at CATHEDRAL CHAPEL OF ST. VIBIANA church. We ask you to reflect on your responsibilities as a godparent or a sponsor, and fill out the commitment form. Please have a priest or staff person from the parish at which you are registered, witness and sign the bottom portion and affix the parish seal.

Full Name of Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent/Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent/Sponsor's Tel/Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be Baptized or Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a parishioner of (Church's Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Located in following Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### In Accepting this Responsibility, I affirm that:

1. I have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
2. I am at least 18 years of age.
3. I participate weekly in the Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil Mass).
4. I give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Holy Communion.
5. If married, I am married according to Church's Teachings.
6. If single, I am living according to Church's Teachings.
7. I truly make an effort to incorporate the Church's Teachings into my daily life.
8. I am assuming the responsibilities to be a Christian role model for this candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Godparent/Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

By signing this commitment form, I verify that I am stating the truth and that I am a Catholic Christian in good standing according to Church's Teachings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Godparent/Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

In witness whereof: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish Staff)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal