

Instructions

- ❖ Please fill in the necessary information on the Baptism Information Sheet
- ❖ Please read the information provided on the Sponsor/Godparent Selection Information sheet before choosing a sponsor(s)/godparent(s).
- ❖ Please read and give the Certification of Eligibility for Sponsors/Godparents to the sponsor(s)/godparent(s) and have them fill in the necessary information and have it *signed by their pastor/administrator or deacon.*
- ❖ Please note that we generally celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the *first Sunday of the month after the 11:45AM Mass EXCEPT during Lent.*
- ❖ Please mail or hand deliver the *completed packet* to St. Joan of Arc Parish Office. Once received, the deacon or other minister will contact you to arrange the Baptismal Seminar and date of Baptism.
- ❖ It is required that both parents and both godparents/sponsors attend a baptismal seminar prior to the baptism unless they have attended a seminar within the past two years (a letter verifying attendance will be required to waive obligation).

The birth of a baby into a family is always a time of joyful celebration. It is also a time of re-consecration for the parents to the responsibility of rearing the child as God intends.

St. Joan of Arc Church
Baptism Information Sheet

Please complete all information either by print or type

Name of Person to be Baptized: _____ / _____ / _____
(Last name only) *(First name only)* *(Middle name)*

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Place of Birth (City): _____
(Month) *(Day)* *(Year)*

Father's Name: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
[Last name only] *[Initial]* *[First name only]* *[Religion]*

Church Attendance: _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Holidays only _____ I do not attend

Mother's Name: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
[Maiden name only] *[Initial]* *[First name only]* *[Religion]*

Church Attendance: _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Holidays only _____ I do not attend

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
[Street] *[City]* *[Zip Code]*

Telephone Numbers: _____ / _____ / _____
[Home] *[Work]* *[Other - Cell/Page]*

Place of Marriage: _____ Date of Marriage: _____ - _____ - _____

Performed by: _____ Catholic Priest/Deacon _____ Minister _____ Civil Official _____ Rabbi _____ Other *[Check one]*

Registered Parishioner at St. Joan of Arc: _____ Yes _____ No

If not registered at St. Joan of Arc, is there some reason? _____

Parish of Registration if not at St. Joan of Arc: _____

Preferred Month and Year for Baptism: _____

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Sponsor/Godparent Selection Information

Sponsors/Godparents embody the responsibility shared by the entire Christian community to nurture the faith and to share in the religious development of children. In carefully choosing sponsors/godparents who are good examples of Christian living, parents share the primary duty to nurture the child's faith.

Being a sponsor/godparent is not just an honor given to a relative or good friend. To be a sponsor/godparent means having a real appreciation of the Catholic Church's faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the one to be baptized.

- ❖ The Code of Canon Law, Canon 774.2 states: Before all others, parents are bound to form their children, by word and example, in faith and in Christian living.

Qualification of Sponsors/Godparents

Canon 874 - To be admitted to the role of sponsor/godparent, a person must:

- ❖ Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
- ❖ Have completed their *sixteenth* year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared. [*This indicates that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabitating (living together without marriage) are ineligible*].
- ❖ Must not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.
- ❖ A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community *may not* be admitted except as a *witness* to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor/godparent.

Sponsors/Godparents **must** complete the form attached and **return** it to the Parish Office **in sufficient time** for review and verification.

