

**ST. PETER PARISH BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Requested date/time of baptism, as agreed upon with St. Peter Parish** (normally after a Saturday or Sunday Mass – except the fourth Saturday of the month, or when the pastor is away): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section One: Family Information**

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s second Name (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s 1<sup>st</sup> & Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Single \_\_\_\_\_. If “Single,” is the other party involved in the child’s (children’s) life and does the other party approve and wishes to be part of this baptism? Yes \_\_\_\_\_. No \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Mother’s cell) (Father’s cell)

Your contact information will be given to the priest or volunteer who gives the pre-baptism class.

Is this your first child? Yes \_\_\_\_\_. No \_\_\_\_\_. Please list name(s) and age(s) of all siblings:

\_\_\_\_\_

Where will your child attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a photocopy of the child’s birth certificate.**

## **Section Two: Your Understanding of the Baptism that You are Requesting**

Baptism is not a casual event, or a gesture to satisfy religious parents/grandparents. “[B]aptism...now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 3:21). “Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:4) We are only allowed to baptise if there is “a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion. If such hope is truly lacking, the baptism is, in accordance with the provisions of particular law, to be deferred.” (Canon Law 868.2.)

1. Briefly describe your understanding of this sacrament you are requesting for your child/children?

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2. **HOW** or **WHY** is this sacrament important or meaningful to you?

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## **Section Three: Being or Becoming Part of the Parish Family**

Are you a member of St. Peter Parish? Yes \_\_\_\_\_. No \_\_\_\_\_. If “YES,”

1. How long have you and your family belonged to St. Peter Parish? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How often do you attend Mass at St. Peter Parish? Regularly \_\_\_\_. On & Off \_\_\_\_. Rarely \_\_\_\_\_. If “Rarely,” briefly explain *cogently* or *precisely* why you believe your child should be baptized into St. Peter Parish Community.

**Your response** \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you are not already a parishioner of St. Peter Parish, do you intend, from this day, to become a committed and active member contributing financially towards the upkeep, activities and future of the parish? Yes \_\_\_\_\_. No \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In what ways are you willing to serve or become actively involved in the growth and sustenance of St. Peter Parish: Precious Body or Precious Blood Minister \_\_\_\_\_, Lector/Reader/Proclaimer of Scriptures during Mass \_\_\_\_\_, Usher/Greeter/Hospitality Minister \_\_\_\_\_, involved with Children’s Liturgy Ministry \_\_\_\_\_, PPC \_\_\_\_\_, Pastoral Care Ministry \_\_\_\_\_, Development & Peace \_\_\_\_\_, Youth \_\_\_\_\_, Vocation Awareness \_\_\_\_\_, Communications & Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_, Spiritual & Religious Education \_\_\_\_\_, Deanery & Ecumenism Representative \_\_\_\_\_, Music \_\_\_\_\_, Stewardship \_\_\_\_\_, Building & Grounds \_\_\_\_\_, Hall & Catering \_\_\_\_\_, Handyperson \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Do you already have a box of Sunday Financial Contribution Envelopes to keep St. Peter Parish financially stable? YES \_\_\_\_\_. NO \_\_\_\_\_. If “NO,” would you consider taking a box of contribution envelopes today? YES \_\_\_\_\_. NO \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section Four: Church Rules (Canon Laws)  
for Parents, Godparents, and the Parish**

Note, in the following, **godparents are called “sponsors.”**

**“The parents of a child who is to be baptised, and those who are to undertake the office of sponsors, are to be suitably instructed** on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations attaching to it” (Canon Law 851.2). **A pre-baptism class is therefore mandatory for parents and godparents.** (The priest might make a pastoral judgment for an exemption for one or more of the above, based upon his knowledge about a family’s articulation of the faith, involvement or active participation in the parish’s life.) At St. Peter Parish, this class is normally done on the Friday night before the weekend of the baptism, exact time to be determined, but sometimes an alternate day/time can be arranged, if necessary.

**“There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each”** (Canon Law 873). An exception has been allowed in the Philippines, but exception has not been made here. Canon Law 874 stipulates that **a sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years old, “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,” and **“not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.”** 874 goes on to say that a baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic church – Anglican, Pentecostal, Evangelical, etc., may not be a sponsor (godparent), but may be registered as a “Christian witness” as long as there is also a Catholic sponsor who meets the above conditions. Someone who is not a Christian of any type is not suited to be a godparent/sponsor or Christian witness for any sacraments in the Roman Catholic Tradition. **Being a godparent is not about being honored by the family; it is about taking on the long term role and responsibility to help nurture the Catholic faith life of the one to be baptised.**

If you are not a St. Peter parishioner seeking to have your child/children baptized here, you will need to submit to the pastor at St. Peter Parish, a **letter of permission** from the pastor of your home parish granting permission to have your child/children baptized here.

**Section Five: Godparent / Christian Witness Names**

Name of the male Roman Catholic sponsor, who is currently registered, actively practising and involved in his parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the female Roman Catholic sponsor, who is currently registered, actively practising and involved in her parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the baptized, non-Catholic “Christian witness” if there are not two sponsors:

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**Section Six: Consent**

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, request baptism for my/our child \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the rules given above, will come to the baptism class with the godparent(s) (unless the pastor gives exemption), pledge to raise our child as a Catholic in the life of the Church, and acknowledge that if one of the above requirements for baptism is not met, St. Peter Parish has the right to decline baptism.

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