



## BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN UNDER SEVEN

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**WELCOME, LITTLE CHILD OF GOD, TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT ST. PETER PARISH! AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY.**

God always invites His people to participate in the giving of His gifts, and this first great gift in the spiritual life is *extraordinary*.

*“Be baptised...so that your sins will be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...This promise is for you, your children, and everyone whom...God calls.” Acts 2:38-39.*

**Please submit this three+ weeks in advance.**

**Date/time** of baptism, worked out with the parish office: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (day/month/yr.) Time \_\_\_\_\_

By default, our pastor Fr. James Owolagba, will preside at baptisms. If he is away or for another special reason, the priest will be: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents and godparents must attend a baptism class** (1-2 hours) unless they recently did one in our parish. Our volunteer who gives the class will receive a copy of this form and contact the parents to work out a time. **For further details** on how God wipes away original sin, confers grace, unites children to Himself, etc., in baptism, see the Catholic Catechism (§§ 1210 -1284) or speak with our pastor. **Parent(s), are you committed to raising the child in the Catholic religion?** Yes  No  Without a yes, we may not baptise (Canon Law § 868.2).

**As you fill out this form: Legal names, as on Canadian ID, are required.** In case of adoption (let us know) give adoptive parent names. The mother’s maiden name will be used on the baptism certificate. In some countries/cultures, the family name (surname) is considered the first name, and a child’s unique name in the family is considered the middle and/or last name. Using that order on forms in Canada (at our church) could cause important problems; here the first part of a person’s given name is the first name, and the surname is the last name.

Family Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Landline phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Way to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ **Please also submit a Family Registration Form.**  
postal code

|                               | First (Given) Name / Parent Cell Phone | Middle Name(s) (Optional) | Surname            | Other<br><i>Thank you for giving complete information.</i>   |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Child to be baptised          |  |                           |                    | Birth date: _____ Sex: _____<br>City: _____ M <input type="checkbox"/> / F <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| Father                        | Cell: _____                            |                           |                    | Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> or Other: _____<br>Email: _____   |
| Mother                        | Cell: _____                            |                           | Maiden Name: _____ | Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> or Other: _____<br>Email: _____   |
| Godfather<br><b>(Male)*</b>   | note, cannot be the father             |                           |                    | Confirmed, Practicing Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> *<br>Regularly directly in touch with the child? <input type="checkbox"/> * |
| Godmother<br><b>(Female)*</b> | note, cannot be the mother             |                           |                    | Confirmed, Practicing Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> *<br>Regularly directly in touch with the child? <input type="checkbox"/> * |
| Or Christian Witness*         |  |                           |                    | Denomination: _____  |

\* According to Canon Law §§ 872-874, **godparents** (one male and/or one female) must be confirmed, practising Catholics in good standing with the Church; at the baptism they **promise to help the child always to lead a good Catholic Christian life**. In Canada and most of the world (an exception is made in the Philippines but not here), **there may be no more than two godparents**. For families that want more godparents, other friends and family can indeed also commit to help the child lead a good Catholic Christian life; we could list such helpers on the back of the certificate. If there is one and only one godparent, then (and only then) a non-Catholic Christian present may be named as a **Christian Witness** of the baptism.