

# BAPTISMAL FORM

The following is to be completed before a Baptism is celebrated at the church. On the occasion of a Baptism an offering is customarily given to the parish and officiating priest or deacon.

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Full name of person to be baptized

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Place of birth of the person to be baptized (city, state, country)

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Date of birth of person to be baptized

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Father's full name

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Father's religion

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Mother's full name including maiden

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Mother's religion

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Address and telephone numbers of parents

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Full names of sponsors (specify if one is witness)

*Sponsor: There is to be only one male or female sponsor or one of each (canon 873). The sponsor must 1) be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function; 2) be at least 16 years of age, unless the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause; 3) be a practicing Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received First Holy Communion; 4) not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; 5) must not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized (canon 874, §1).*

*Witness: A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the Baptism (canon 874, §2).*

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Date and time of baptism

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Officiating priest or deacon (and telephone number if not resident)