

Baptism Request Form

Name of the child

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Parents:

Father's name

Religion

Mother's name

(Maiden Name)

Religion

Where married

Home Address

Phone

Godparents:

Godfather

Religion

Godmother

Religion

Request date for Baptism

Please, note that no arrangements are made by phone or by email.

General information:

→ In our Catholic Church we always look to accompany God's children in their spiritual journey with the gifts that God gave us through his son Jesus Christ: **THE SACRAMENTS!**

The Sacrament of BAPTISM is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word".

→ If you would like you child/children to receive this most precious gift from God, please, take a moment and ask yourself not just when should I ask for Baptism, what do I have to do... but first of all, ask yourself WHY do I want my child/children to be baptized in the Catholic Church? What are the reasons for which I will bring my child/children to the Church and ask to be received into the Family of God, in his Church? (For example: just the fact that you want your child to enter a Catholic School – and therefore he/she needs a Baptism certificate – is not enough for your child to be baptized).

→ As St Gregory of Nazianzus said: "*Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. . . . We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship*".

→ **Parents:** For an infant to be baptized lawfully, it is necessary that at least one parent (or the legal guardian) consents to it, and that there be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion; otherwise, the baptism is to be delayed until after the parents have been advised about the reason.

→ **Godparents:** As far as possible, a person to be baptized should be given a sponsor or godparent(s). In adult baptism, the sponsor assists in Christian initiation. In infant baptism, the godparent(s) with the parents present(s) the child for baptism and help(s) the baptized to lead the Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent to it.

➤ **There may be one godfather, one godmother, or one of each. If there are two godparents, one must be male and the other female. Only two names are inscribed in the baptismal register as the official godparents (one of each sex).**

➤ ***To be admitted to the role of godparent, one must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, although the pastor can make an exception for a just cause. One must be a Catholic who is already confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Eucharist, lead a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on, not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared, and not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.***

!!! We encourage families unfamiliar with our parish, to register first as parishioners, to become familiar by attending Mass regularly with our parish and to seek Baptism after a time of preparation!!!

If you require other information, please, contact the parish office at 613-745-3961 or check our website: <http://ottawa-stignatius>.

Thank you for considering Baptism for your child/children and may God bless you and your family!