

**ST. PETER PARISH BAPTISM *PROTOCOL* INFORMATION FORM**

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**Section One**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Where do (will) your child(ren) attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Two**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

### Section Three

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 think or believe your child has to 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: Cup or Bread 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 \_\_\_\_\_, Handyman \_\_\_\_\_.
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

**N.B.:** *If you are NOT a St. Peter parishioner seeking to have your child/children baptized at St. Peter Parish, you will need to submit to the Resident Pastor at St. Peter Parish, “A Letter of Permission” from the Pastor of your Home Parish granting permission to have your child/children baptized in another parish by a different priest.*

### CANON 890:

The Pastor and the parents are bound to prepare candidates for the reception of sacraments with proper instructions at an opportune time.

**Baptisms at St. Peter's will now follow the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass, normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month.**

## Section Five

### *Laws of the Church concerning Sponsors or Godparents*

**Sponsors:** In accordance to Code of Canon Law **873**, **One** Godparent or Sponsor – One Male or One Female is sufficient. They may be a combination of One Male and One Female. Two Males or Two Females are inadmissible Godparents or Sponsors.

- **Canon 874** stipulates that “To admitted to undertake the office of a **sponsor(s)**,” the **Godparent(s)** must be at least sixteen (16) years old, Baptized, Confirmed, receiving Holy Communion, is registered in their local home Parish or elsewhere, and who is Actively Practicing Catholic “by living lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.
- **Canon 874 (5.1):** Parents cannot sponsor their own child/children to be baptized.
- **Canon 874 (5.2):** A baptized person from a non-Catholic church – Anglican, Pentecostal, and Evangelicals... may be admitted *in the company* of a Catholic sponsor. In other words, the non-Catholic acts simply as a *witness*, and not a sponsor to the baptism. However, in a baptism where there are two siblings, two men or two women can stand as sponsors for each one of the persons to be baptized.
- A Godparent(s) of *no faith* is not suited as *legitimate sponsor* for sacraments in the Roman Catholic Tradition.

## Section Six

### REQUIREMENT & EXPECTATION

#### BAPTISM AT ST. PETER PARISH – 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEKEND OF MONTH

1. On the Friday before the day of baptism, there will be a **Mandatory Baptismal Preparation Session** in the **OKAI ROOM** at **7:00 p.m.**, immediately followed by a **Mandatory Rehearsal Program** in the Church.
2. The Baptismal Preparation Session and the Rehearsal Program are **NOT** an option; they are mandatory requirements and a **MUST attend** by *both parents* (unless you are single or the father is uninvolved) and Godparents or Sponsors – **NO EXCUSES – NO EXEMPTIONS!!!**
3. Regardless of whether it is the parents’ **FIRST** child of the family or not, all parents (both Mom & Dad) and Godparents or Sponsors are **MANDATED** to attend both sessions. The priest might make a Pastoral Judgment for an exemption based upon his knowledge about a family’s articulation of the faith, involvement or active participation in the parish’s life.

## Section Seven

The Parish Office is aware of your many commitments. Note however, that Baptism is equally **IMPORTANT** and **MOST SIGNIFICANT** and that is why you are seeking this beautiful sacrament for your child/children. Both you, as parents and Godparent(s) and the priest *must sacrifice or lose something in the process to value the*

*richness of baptism.* Our requirements mandate both you parents and Godparents to be present and to participate fully and actively at the Mandatory Baptismal Session and Mandatory Rehearsal Program in the OKAI ROOM and in the Church respectively as scheduled. This means, it is your responsibility as parent(s) to make necessary plans or arrangements for a babysitter or bring the baby or child/children to the rehearsal.

Name of Male Roman Catholic Sponsor, who is currently registered, actively practising and involved in his parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Female Roman Catholic Sponsor, who is currently registered, actively practising and involved in her parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name of baptized Christian *witness* if such a sponsor is not a Baptized Catholic \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section Eight**

*How else might the parish be of service to you?*

- RCIA
- Counselling
- Spiritual Enrichment
- Marriage Preparation
- Blessing/Anniversary
- Annulment
- Other

### **Section Nine**

### **CONSENT**

By signing this document, I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby consent to have my child baptised, and agree that any failure on my part as parent or on our part as parents to attend in person or to fulfill the **MINIMUM** requirements—the Mandatory Baptismal Preparation Session followed by a Mandatory Rehearsal Program—do consent that my child or children may as a result not be accepted into baptism, and I hereby waive my rights or privileges to take the priest celebrant to task.

Signature of parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_