



## Baptismal Godparent Form

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*Please take this form to your Parish Church and sign it in the presence of a Pastoral Minister who will support this with their signature and the Seal of the Church.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have been asked

*First Name*

*Middle*

*Last Name*

to be a Godparent for the Baptism of \_\_\_\_\_

*First Name*

*Middle*

*Last Name*

who will celebrate this Sacrament at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Greensboro, NC or at the following church

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Church Name*

*City*

*State*

I affirm that:

1. I am at least 16 years old (exceptions by the Diocese of Parish may be made with reason)
2. I am fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; and that I am striving to live a life in harmony with the Church.
3. My marriage has the Blessing of the Catholic Church.
4. I am not the father or mother of the one to be Baptized.

I am an active and participating Catholic, and promise to the best of my ability to serve as an example in encouraging the child/adult to participate in the Sacramental life of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Godparent Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

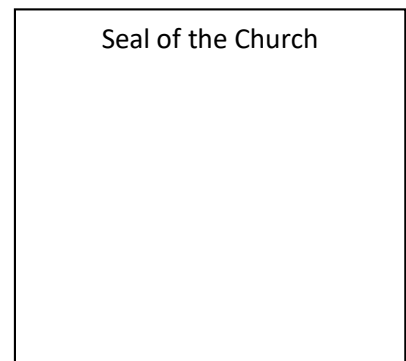
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastoral Minister Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Church Name*

*City*

*State*



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## **Baptism in the Roman Catholic Church**

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, God enables us to a) participate in his life in Jesus Christ, and b) makes us his children.

It is through this sacrament that we receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the People of God, of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. By baptism, God purifies us from sin.

Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. There must be a reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Faith.

In order to respect your request for the Baptism of your child, you are invited to follow closely the stages of preparation offered below:

1. Contact the parish office and express your desire to have your child baptized.
2. Introduce yourself to the parish priest if you do not already know him personally.
3. Open yourself to the invitation to actively join the faith community of your parish. If you are not registered parishioners, please consider becoming involved in the prayer and celebration of the Sunday Eucharistic community.
4. You will be invited to participate in some manner of faith formation prior to the Baptism of your child. This may take the form of a meeting(s) with the pastor, pastoral assistant, or participation in a Baptismal preparation session for parents.

*Please Note: All of the above information applies to Baptism of an infant or young child only. If you have a child to be baptized who has reached catechetical age/the age of reason (Grade 2 or 7 years), you and they will receive different preparation. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.*

**Selecting a Godparent:** A person may only have one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.

To be eligible as a Godparent they must be

1. chosen by the parents,
2. have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role,
3. be at least 16 years of age, and
4. be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has
  - a. already received the Most Holy Eucharist,
  - b. is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and
  - c. will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and
  - d. be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

Sincerely,

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Clergy and Staff