



Saint Patrick Cathedral Baptism's

Dear Parents:

Thank you for wanting to have your child baptized here at St. Patrick Cathedral. We would first like to offer our congratulation on the birth or upcoming birth of your child. We pray that God will bless and guide you in your preparation for baptism! Prior to the baptism of your child, we ask that the family be active participating members of St. Patrick Cathedral and coming to Mass each week.

In addition to being active participating members, the following is a list of required documents that I will need before the baptism is scheduled at St. Patrick:

1. Copy of the birth certificate from **Vital Statistics** for the child to be baptized.
2. Godparents requirements:
 - A **newly issued** Baptismal Certificate (requested from the parish of Baptism with notations). Please note: the Baptismal Certificate you received at birth or last year will not satisfy this requirement.
 - A copy of their First Communion Certificate (if notations are not listed on the new baptismal certificate).
 - A copy of their Confirmation Certificate (if notations are not listed on the new baptismal certificate).
 - A copy of their Marriage Certificate if married (if notations are not listed on the new baptismal certificate).
 - If the Godparents are not members of St. Patrick Cathedral, they will need a Letter of Good standing from the parish they are members of.
 - Signed Sponsor forms—included with this e-mail.
3. Both parents and godparents will need to attend a baptism preparation class. If you have attended one within the past three (3) years, a certificate or letter from that church is necessary. Only parents and sponsors should attend the Baptism class. Please make other arrangements for the care of your children.
 - *** If your child is 7 (seven) years of age or older, please contact the Religious Formation Department, 817 338-4441 to arrange the baptism.
4. One of the Godparents needs to be practicing Catholics in good standing. The other can be a Christian witness. If the Godparent is married, the marriage had to have taken place in the Catholic Church. A civil marriage will disqualify a person from being a Godparent. Couples that are living together outside of wedlock will be disqualified as Godparents.

Before your child is scheduled for the baptism, we need to have all documents please.

Once you have met the requirements listed above and the paperwork is received, please contact Adriana Elizondo-Brandt (817 332-4915 ext. 31) to set up a date for your child's Baptism.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me in the Cathedral office.

Sincerely,

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