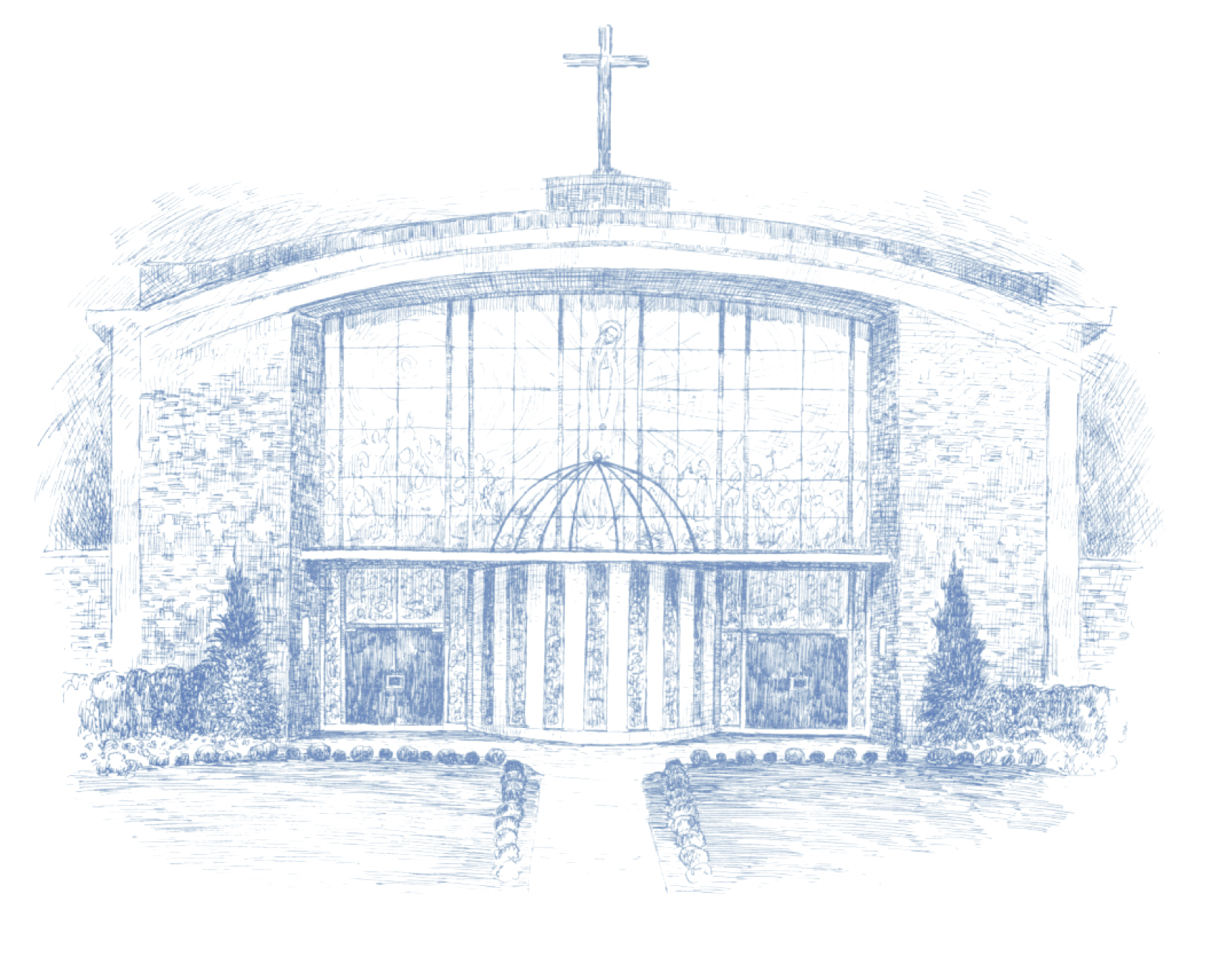
BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM



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Dear Parents,

Enclosed are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. We ask you to read it carefully and provide us with all information necessary as you prepare for the baptism of your child. All information needed is in conformity with the Guidelines for Baptism for the Diocese of Lafayette.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (cf. 1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

If you have questions, please call me at 337-232-8945 or send e-mail to deacon@fatimalafayette.org. God Bless,

Deacon Tim Maragos

**1**

**CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM**

**For Parents:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at Our Lady of Fatima or another parish (if you have

taken a baptism class within the past two years, you do not need to take another class).

\_\_\_\_\_Complete page 3 & 4 of the Baptism Request Form and turn in to the parish office at least one

month before the baptism, along with the following:

\_\_\_\_\_Copy of your child’s State-registered Birth Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class within the past two years, for parents

and Godparents

\_\_\_\_\_If you are not a parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima - A letter from your parish pastor granting

permission for your child to be baptized at Our Lady of Fatima

\_\_\_\_\_Completed and signed Godparent Information page

**For Godparents:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Inform Godparents of their requirements to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (again, if they

have taken one of these classes within the past two years, this will not be necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_ Please have Godparent(s) read, complete, and sign page 4.

**Requirements for Godparents for your child** as stated in Canon Law 874**:**

• Be designated by parents, guardians, or pastor

• Have the intention of performing the role of sponsor

• Be at least 16 years old

• Be a fully initiated Catholic (received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)

• Lead a life in harmony with the Faith and role of a sponsor (i.e. be a registered member of a parish, attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and faithful to the laws of the Church regarding marriage)

• Not bound by any canonical penalty

• Not the father or mother of the candidate

At least one of the persons you choose must fulfill these requirements. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a Godparent, but may serve as a Christian Witness along with a Catholic Godparent. Non-baptized persons may not serve as a witness or Godparent. Remember, Baptism is not a one-time event; you are committing your child to a way of life in the Catholic faith. That means you must be working to follow that faith as well.

**All forms must be complete before turning in and all documents must be received before we will proceed with the baptism.**

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**Baptism request form**

**Please print names correctly and all information clearly.**

**Name of Child:** First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City & State of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex of Child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Mother:**First\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Middle\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Maiden\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Mother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Taken class?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Father:**First\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Middle\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Last\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Father\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Taken class?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish where you are registered\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Mass every Sunday? Mother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Father\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If not, how often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never or other)? Mother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Father\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If not married in a church, where were you married? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Requested Date of Baptism (choose two dates):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my consent to announce my child’s baptism to be published in the OLOF Church bulletin which will include my child’s name, as well as our names. Please initial for your consent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:**

Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Office use only: Date of Baptism\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Name of Priest/Deacon\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**Choice of Godparent**

Godparents must have an active faith practice – Mass **every** Sunday (not just sometimes). They are to be confirmed Catholics, able to receive Holy Communion (that is living in a state of grace). If the Godparent is married, he/she must be in a valid sacramental marriage blessed by a priest/deacon. Only one Godparent is required by the Church, but most couples choose a second Godparent. The Church does not allow two Godparents of the same sex or more than two Godparents. This is the universal norm that must always be followed.

Note: At times, a couple will often say that they don’t have family members who practice their faith. If this is the case, then try looking for good friends. Certainly we all know someone who has an exemplary faith practice. If it is discovered that your choice of Godparents does not meet ALL of the requirements outlined above (Sunday Mass every week, etc.), then the baptismal date of the child will be postponed until the requirements are met.

Print Godfather’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Religion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (First, Middle, Last)

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Taken class?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will the godfather be present at the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

If not present for the ceremony, who will be the proxy? Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(First, Middle, Last)

Print Godmother’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Religion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (First, Middle, Last)

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Taken class?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will the godmother be present at the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

If not present for the ceremony, who will be the proxy? Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(First, Middle, Last)

**PROMISE OF GODPARENTS:** We (I) promise to God and to His Holy Catholic Church, that we (I) meet all the requirements regarding the role and duty of the godparent, so help us (me) God.

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Signature of Godfather Signature of Godmother

**If your Godparent(s) live(s) out of town, do your best to get their signatures on this form or have the Godparent download and sign another form and e-mail it to us.**

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