

Frequently Asked Questions about Cathedral Baptisms

REQUIREMENTS: Registration Form, Birth Certificate, Parish Permission Form, Certificate of Pre-Baptism Class

Q. What are the requirements for godparents?

A. Godparents must be:

- At least 16 years of age and fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church - have made their 1st Holy Communion and been Confirmed.
- If married, Godparents must be married in the Roman Catholic Church.
- If there are two godparents one must be male and one female.

Q. How old can the child be?

A. Infant to 5 years of age. If the child is older than five years, we require you to go to your local parish and register your child

Q. Do the parents of the child to be baptized need to be married in the Roman Catholic Church?

A. It is not a requirement for the parents to be married in the Church to have their child baptized.

Q. If I am not registered in any Parish, do I still need a Letter of Permission to baptize at the Cathedral?

A. Yes, you need a Letter of Permission from your local Catholic Church to have your child baptized at the Cathedral. According to [Canon Law 518](#), "As a general rule, a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory. Each person is a "member" of a parish by virtue of residence."

Q. How far in advance do I need to start the process to baptize my child?

A. You may start the process as soon as you can, the spaces do fill up quick, and the more time you give yourself to plan, the better it is.

Q. Do I need to take a Baptism class?

A. Yes, **parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation class.** Call the Parish office to schedule the class 907-248-2000 Ext. 2 or check the bulletin or website.

Q. What happen after taking the Baptism class?

A. You will receive Attendance of Certificate which you will provide copy to the Parish office prior to the date of the baptism.