St. Patrick's Catholic Church
St. Frassati Newman House
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Order of Christian Baptism Form

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Presiding Priest_____ Confirmed Date of Baptism_____
Entered in PDS_____ Parents attended Baptism Class on_____
Recorded in Parish Registry_____ Certificate Delivered_____
Parish of Baptism_____ Baptism Completed:_____

Please print all information clearly. All information is kept confidential.

Today's Date: _____ Date Requested for Baptism_____

Child's Full name: (first)_____ (Middle)_____ (Last)_____

Child's Date of Birth_____ in City & State_____

Child's Gender: Male / Female Was the Child Adopted: yes / no

Name of Father: (first)_____ (Middle)_____ (Last)_____

Religion of Father:_____ Is Father Baptized: yes / no

Birth date:_____ Is Father Confirmed: yes / no

Phone Number:_____ Name of wife:_____

Name of Mother: (first)_____ (Middle)_____ (Maiden)_____

Religion of Mother:_____ Is Mother Baptized: yes / no

Birth date:_____ Is Mother Confirmed: yes / no

Phone Number:_____ Name of husband:_____

Mailing Address:_____

Name of the Parish you attend:_____ How often do you attend:_____

Have you attended a Baptism Class in the last two years: yes / no

If so, where:(Parish, City, State)_____ and when:_____

Please also fill out the Godparent info on page 2. Our Catholic Community rejoices with you. We know that Baptism is no social invention or just a simple token of honor. This is a glorious Sacrament in which Jesus purifies, sanctifies, and justifies the one Baptized (1Peter1:23). We are excited to welcome your child on this new Faith Journey! We'll be praying for your zeal in raising your children in the practice of Faith. God bless you!

Godparents

(Please read carefully. No exceptions can be made)

The Roman Catholic Church *requires* the following of Godparents (canon 874.1):

- The Godparents (one male/one female) are to be chosen by the parents or guardians.
- **They *must* be <u>Baptized, at least sixteen years of age, Confirmed Catholic, & leading a life in harmony with the Faith</u>,** ie: practicing Catholics who attend Mass every single week, in a valid Marriage (if applicable), & follow the moral teaching of Jesus.
- **A letter of good standing, from their Parish Priest, is needed for <u>all Godparents</u>.**
  - **It is your responsibility to inform them of the need of this letter.**
- **They will promise to encourage & help you in raising your child in the Catholic Faith.**
- **Non-Catholic Witness (Can.874.2):
  - A **<u>Baptized</u>** person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community *may be* admitted as a witness to Baptism but ***only along with Catholic Godparents.*** This person is not formally a Godparent, but a Christian Witness. This ***<u>practice is greatly discouraged</u>*** because the Godparents promise God to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic Faith, which the witness is not living. **<u>It will *require* the Pastor's signature & proof of their *valid* Baptism, which must be submitted with this form.</u>** Record such info at the bottom of this sheet.

Name of Catholic Male Godparent:_____

Name of Parish:_____ City & State:_____

He must be Baptized & Confirmed in the Catholic Church. If not, another Godfather will have to be chosen.

Is the Godfather in a valid Sacramental Marriage: he's not Married / yes / no
If "no" a different Godparent will be required by Canon Law.

Name of Catholic Female Godparent:_____

Name of Parish:_____ City & State:_____

She must be Baptized & Confirmed in the Catholic Church. If not, another Godmother will have to be chosen.

Is the Godfather in a valid Sacramental Marriage: she's not Married / yes / no
If "no" a different Godparent will be required by Canon Law.

Will either Godparent be represented by a proxy: yes / no

If so, whom:_____

Will a *Christian witness* be present with the actual Godparents: yes / no

If so, whom:_____

Baptismal Checklist:

	Attended a Baptismal Preparation Class		**If you are not an *active* member of an HPC Parish,** then a letter of good standing & permission from the Pastor of your *geographical territory* must be submitted before a date can be set. (Canon 857 §2)
	Gone to Confession within the last month		
	Godparents have submitted letters of good standing from their Parish Priest		