

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

## CHECKLIST FOR INFANT BAPTISM

### For Parents:

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at Our Lady of Perpetual Help or another parish (if you have taken a baptism class within the past three, **you do not need to take another class**).

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete Infant Baptism Registration Form and turn in to the Parish Office, **along with the following**:

- Copy of your child's State-registered Birth Certificate
- Certificates of attendance at Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, for parents and Godparents.
- If you are not a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - A letter from your parish granting permission for your child to be baptism at Our Lady Perpetual Help.
- Sponsor Affidavit for each of Godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_ A \$50.00 donation is required at the time of registration.

### For the Godparents\*:

\_\_\_\_\_ Inform Godparents of their requirements to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (again, if they have taken one of these classes within the past three years, this will not be necessary.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Have each Godparent fill out sign a Godparent Affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide copies of the Godparent's Baptism, Communion, Confirmation. If they are married, they must be married through the Catholic Church and provide the certificate.

\*For a person to stand as a Godparent or Sponsor, the following requirements must be met:

- Be designated by the candidate, parents, guardians, or pastor.
- Have the intention of performing the role of sponsor
- Be at least 16 years old
- Be 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
- **\*\*Non-Catholic Witness** (Can. 874.2) A baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.

At least one of the persons you choose must fulfil these requirements. If you wish to honor a non-Catholic member of your family, they may stand as a Christian Witness to your child's Baptism, provided they have already been baptized.