

SACRED HEART PARISH

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM

Data about the person to be baptized

Last name _____ First name(s) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's First & **Maiden Name** _____

Sponsor (Godfather) first and last name (Religion) _____

Sponsor (Godmother) first and last name (Religion) _____

For the Priest to sign _____

Data about the parents

Religion/Rite of the Father _____ **Religion/Rite of the Mother** _____

Full Address _____ tel. _____

Is your marriage? _____ Civil or _____ Sacramental (where? _____)

Are you registered in Sacred Heart Parish? Yes _____ No _____

If you are not registered here, what Parish are you registered in? _____

(Please bring a letter from your Parish priest with this form.)

How often do you attend the Liturgy of the Eucharist on Sunday (Mass)?

_____ every Sunday _____ almost every Sunday _____ once a month _____ occasionally _____ Christmas/Easter

What church do you attend to? _____

Notes:

After filling out this form, please make an appointment and bring this form for the meeting with the pastor.

The sponsor should be a fully practicing Catholic (each sponsor should bring a letter of recommendation to be Godparent from his/her parish). Non-Catholic can not be a Godparent/Sponsor. More information you can find on the next page.

We have a special obligatory preparation (in the diocese of Hamilton) for the parents and sponsors. The time will be given and we are expecting you to participate and enrich your faith and love.

You can bring your own baptismal candle and white garment or you can arrange with the priest.

If you need any help, please let us know.

Congratulation! Please pray for your child before her/his baptism. May God bless you and your new child.

Fr. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr

Pastor

PLEASE READ THIS ABOUT THE GODPARENTS:

NUMBER AND SEX OF GODPARENTS.

A person may have one or two godparents. If there are two, they are to be one of each sex (c.873). If there is only one godparent, that godparent should be of the same sex as the candidate for baptism. Since men and women live out and witness to their faith in somewhat different fashion, it would be appropriate for the faith development of the one being baptized to have the witness and encouragement of a faithful Catholic of the same sex.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE GODPARENT FOR INFANTS

1. The godparent:

- must be at least 16 years of age, having completed their own Christian initiation (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist – c.874.2)
- must live as a Catholic (c.874.3)
- should be old enough to take seriously the role they are assuming
- have a firm commitment towards the living out of their own Catholic faith

2. Other canonical requirements

- One bound by a canonical penalty is not eligible to be a godparent/sponsor (c. 874.4).

For example, if the person is living in a canonically invalid marriage (until the marital situation is rectified in the Catholic Church).

- The father or mother of the one being baptized cannot be the godparent/sponsor (c.874.5).

NON-CATHOLIC WITNESS

A baptized person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a Catholic godparent to simply act a Christian witness to the baptism and is not a godparent.

PERMANENCY OF APPOINTMENT OF GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

One may not change the godparent after baptism has taken place.