

Information Sheet For Infant Baptisms
At the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

1. General Policy: An infant should be baptized within the first weeks after birth; or as soon as possible after birth. (Canon Law 868) For a licit baptism of an infant, there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such a hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be put off. (Canon Law 868)

2. Schedule of Baptisms: English baptisms take place on the third Saturday of each month. Spanish baptisms take place on the last Saturday of each month. Deacon Jorge Usi performs the English baptisms; Deacon Raul Leon performs the Spanish baptisms.

3. Baptism Classes: Both parents and each Sponsor/Godparent must attend one baptism class. English baptism classes are at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Spanish baptism classes are at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. The baptism classes are in the Lower Level of the Cathedral along the alley to the left of the Rectory, opposite the public parking structure entrance. Parking on the street is free after 6:00 pm.

4. Birth Certificate: Please bring to the baptism class a copy of your child's birth certificate.

5. Consent of Parents: If not married by a Catholic priest or deacon, a non-Catholic parent must consent in writing that the child be baptized, and agree that the child be raised in the Catholic faith. A parent's consent is not required for the child of a single parent who has sole custody. A Parent's Consent To Baptism accompanies this Information sheet.

6. Sponsors: The child must have at least one Sponsor/Godparent. A sponsor must be 16 years of age; a baptized Catholic who has received the sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation; if married, be married by a Catholic priest or deacon; and is practicing his/her Catholic faith. A non-Catholic may be a Witness to the baptism, but not a Sponsor. Each Sponsor must attend one baptism class, either at the Cathedral or in his/her own parish. Attendance in another parish must be verified in writing by the parish where the baptism class was attended. Each Sponsor/Godparent must sign the Sponsor's (Godparent's) Eligibility Certification that accompanies this Information Sheet.

7. Pastor's Consent: When feasible, a child should be baptized in the Parish where the family regularly attends Mass. If you are not registered in the Cathedral Parish, the Pastor for the Parish where the family attends Sunday Mass must consent that the child to be baptized at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. A Pastor's Consent To Baptism Outside Parish accompanies this Information Sheet.

8. Suggested Donation: The suggested donation for a baptism at the Cathedral is \$75 for parishioners registered in the Cathedral Parish for longer than a year; and \$125 for all others. Please bring your donation to the baptism class. Thank you for your generosity.