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BAPTISM APPLICATION

Date of Workshop: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Child Information

- Name (First, Middle, Last): _____
- Gender: Male ____ Female ____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Place of Birth (City, State): _____

Parent Information

- Father's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____
 - Religion: _____
- Mother's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____
 - Religion: _____
- Address: _____
- Phone (Home): _____
 - Father's Cell: _____ Mother's Cell: _____
- Were the parents married by a priest or deacon? _____
- Was the child adopted? Yes ____ No ____
- Was the child privately baptized? Yes ____ No ____

Godparent Information

- Godfather's Name: _____ Catholic? Yes ____ No ____
 - Godmother's Name: _____ Catholic? Yes ____ No ____
 - Proxy Godparent? Yes ____ No ____
 - If yes, Name of Proxy: _____
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Parish Requirements

- Families must be registered members of St. John Church in good standing and must use their assigned offertory envelopes for at least **six months** before scheduling a baptism.
 - No baptisms are scheduled during Lent.
 - At least one godparent must be **Catholic**.
 - If a proxy represents a godparent, the proxy must be **Catholic**.
 - If both godparents are represented by proxies, both proxies must be Catholic.
 - Catholic godparents who are not members of St. John Church must provide a **letter of good standing** from their parish. This letter must be received at least **two weeks prior** to the baptism or the baptism may need to be rescheduled.
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Note on Selecting Godparents

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that godparents must be “firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized... on the road to Christian life” (CCC 1255). They must live a life of faith consistent with their role and “seriously assume” responsibility for the baptized person’s spiritual growth.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has stated:

- If it is not possible to find a suitable godparent, baptism may be conferred without one.
 - It is **not permissible** to allow an openly transsexual person to serve as a godparent.
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Workshop Certification

My signature certifies that _____ attended the Baptism workshop at St. John Catholic Church, North Charleston, SC on _____.

Instructor's Signature: _____