

# **BAPTISM DATA & INFORMATION FORM**

Please return this completed form to the Office of Evangelization, St. Edward the Confessor Church, 2700 Dolfield Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23235. For more information call the Office of Evangelization: Peggy 864-4714 or Joan 864-4708 or email [peggy.byers@stedwardch.org](mailto:peggy.byers@stedwardch.org).

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

Are you currently registered with St. Edward Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, to which Parish are you registered? \_\_\_\_\_

## **PREPARATION INFORMATION**

*The process begins with attendance at a Baptism Session for Parents. This session helps you understand what it means to have your child Baptized and how the sacrament is celebrated. Both parents are encouraged to attend and feel free to bring your child. We welcome spouses of all religions.*

Baptism Session for Parents date selected \_\_\_\_\_

If you have attended a Baptism Session for Parents in the past, list when and where \_\_\_\_\_

## **INFORMATION FOR BAPTISM** (Please print! The following information is confidential):

### **Child to be baptized:**

Child's first, middle, and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of baptism preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Mass or Service time \_\_\_\_\_

Number of seats needed (include children) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parents:**

Father's first, middle and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's religion \_\_\_\_\_ Father's phone & email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's first, middle and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name (*Mother's maiden name appears on sacrament certificates*) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's religion \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's phone & email \_\_\_\_\_

Family's address (include city, state and zip)

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Recorded/ParishSoft _____	Godparent form received _____
Date received _____	Presider _____

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## **THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS:**

Godparents join the parents in presenting the child for Baptism and help the child to lead a Christian life in harmony with the sacrament. The *Rite of Baptism for Children* asks them, “Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?” In helping the baptized child to lead a Christian Life through word and example, godparents assist the parents “in their duty.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains further that godparents “must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized child . . . on the road of Christian life.” In choosing a person to serve as a godparent, parents should consider carefully his or her capacity to provide this help.

Strictly speaking, a child needs only one godparent for Baptism (male or female), but may have two godparents (one male and one female). As long as there is one (Catholic) godparent, a baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic Christian community may serve as a witness to the Baptism. This Christian witness does not assume the obligations of a godparent and therefore should not respond to questions directed to the godparents during the celebration of Baptism. A person who was baptized Catholic but has abandoned the practice of the Catholic faith would not be a suitable choice as an official Christian witness to a Catholic Baptism.

Parents are free to invite others to witness the Baptism, in accord with family or cultural traditions, but only two persons (either two godparents, or one godparent and one Christian witness) are entered, by name, into the official record.

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Code of Canon Law, can. 874 § 1 requires that a godparent be:

- At least 16 years old.
- Fully-initiated Catholic (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Not bound by any canonical penalty (e.g. a person who is married must be in a marriage which is recognized by the Church)
- Leading a life of faith befitting the role to be undertaken. (Regularly attending Mass on Sunday and living the faith)
- Not parents of the child.

Code of Canon Law, can. 873 requires:

- There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

A Godparent Attestation form is required for all Catholic godparents. Please give the form to your chosen godparent(s) to fill out and have signed by their parish and return the completed form prior to the scheduled baptism. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed to [peggy.byers@stedwardch.org](mailto:peggy.byers@stedwardch.org), faxed to 804-560-3565 Attn: Peggy Byers, or mailed to St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Attn: Peggy Byers, 2700 Dolfield Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23235

## **Godparents:**

Female sponsor's first and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Female sponsor's religion \_\_\_\_\_

Male sponsor's first and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Male sponsor's religion \_\_\_\_\_