

ST. LEO / ST. CATHERINE / ST. JULES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LEONVILLE, LOUISIANA 70551

BAPTISM FORM

Name of Child _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ Child's Place of Birth _____

Birth certificate # _____

Parish Membership / Life:

Parents requesting Baptism for their child are by that fact committing to raise their child in the practice of their faith. Active involvement/membership in their Church parish is essential for this. Couples not married in the Church are encouraged to consult the pastor. Parents who are not registered members of St. Leo/St. Catherine/St. Jules will need permission from their own pastor for the Baptism to take place in a church/chapel other than their own.

Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Religion _____ Where registered _____

Address _____

PARISH APPROVAL	BAPT CLASS DATE ATTENDED
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Father's Full Name _____ (if listed on Birth Cert.)

Religion _____ Where registered _____

PARISH APPROVAL	BAPT CLASS DATE ATTENDED
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Telephone number _____

Number of Children / Ages / in CCD? _____

Are the child's parents: ☐ Married to each other, or ☐ Unmarried

If Married, ☐ In the Catholic Church, either from the beginning or "blessed" later

☐ In another Church

☐ Only Civilly

Godparents:

Catholic Godparent(s) for the child must be baptized and confirmed. Parents are to choose godparents who are actively practicing their faith, since failure to do so would be a grave disservice to the child. At least one is required; if two are chosen, one must be male and the other must be female. All Catholic Godparents must be confirmed. Non-parishioners of St. Leo/St. Catherine/St. Jules must be recommended by their pastor to be a godparent. All godparents and Catholic parents must have attended a baptism-prep class within the last three years.

Godfather's Full Name _____ Ph #: _____

Religion _____ Church where registered _____

REGISTERED HERE?	CONFIRMED & PARISH LETTER RECEIVED	BAPT CLASS DATE ATTENDED
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Godmother's Full Name _____ Ph #: _____

Religion _____ Church where registered _____

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*Date of Baptism not set until **ALL** information is received.*

The Roman Catholic Church baptizes children whose parents want what the Church has to offer and who demonstrate the willingness to assure that the child will be educated in the knowledge and practice of the faith. This would include, but is not limited to, regular Mass attendance with the child and religious instruction from grade one through First Communion and Confirmation.

If you, the parent(s) of this child, are willing to fulfill these minimal requirements, or to support your Catholic spouse as he/she fulfills them, please pray over the sacred promises below made to God during the Rite of Holy Baptism and begin to prepare your heart to make them and live them.

“You have asked to have your child baptized, in doing so you accept the responsibility to train him/her in the practice of the Faith. It is your duty to bring him/her up to keep God’s Commandments as Christ taught us by loving God & neighbor. You must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of your faith.”

Please sign and place today’s date in the spaces below.

Father’s signature

Date

Mother’s signature

Date

Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent) Parish Policy

Role of Baptismal Sponsors

The role of a baptismal sponsor is, together with the parents, to present the child for baptism and to help the child to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.

Number of Sponsors

There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor, or one of each. The gender of the child has no bearing on the gender of the sponsor.

Qualifications to be Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent)

Sponsors must:

- have completed sixteenth year of age;
- received the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation;
- lead a life of faith in keeping with the responsibilities taken on;
- if married, be married (or have marriage blessed) in the Catholic Church

Christian Witnesses

A baptized person (16 years or older) who belongs to another Christian ecclesial community may serve as a Christian witness of the baptism along with a Catholic sponsor.

- In such a case the confirmed Catholic serves as the sponsor, the non-Catholic as a Christian witness.
- The Christian witness shall not be someone who left the Catholic Church.
- The Christian witness shall not be a Catholic who is not confirmed.

Baptism Godfather Covenant

Baptismal sponsors / godparents are expected to be the first helpers of the godchild's parents in rearing the child in the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. Example is the most powerful teaching tool. If you fulfill the requirements for sponsors listed below and are willing to be involved actively in sharing your faith with this child, please sign and date in the space provided below.

Godparents must:

- Be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, that is have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, and
- Be living their faith, that is regular Mass attendance, Easter Duty, etc., and
- Be registered in a parish, and
- Be recommended by their pastor, and
- Have attended Baptism preparation class within 3 years of this baptism.
- If married, be married (or marriage blessed) in the Catholic Church, or
- If unmarried, not be cohabitating or "living with" a romantic partner.

My godchild's name is: _____

I understand the requirements for being a Baptism godparent and I affirm that I

Was Baptized at _____ Catholic Church
in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Received First Holy Communion at _____ Catholic Church
in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Was Confirmed at _____ Catholic Church
in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Are you married: _____ Children/Ages _____

Baptized/in CCD? _____

(If married,) Married in the Catholic Church at _____
in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

I affirm that I am living my Catholic Faith and intend to fulfill the duties of godparent.

Godfather's Signature

Date

Phone #

Godfather: Please attach a recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate with Sacramental Notations

Must be Signed by your Pastor

I, Reverend _____ affirm that the above named person is a member of my parish, is a practicing Catholic in good standing, and is eligible to serve as a Godparent.

Name & City/State of Parish: _____ (seal) _____

Pastor Signature: _____

Baptism Godmother Covenant

Baptismal sponsors / godparents are expected to be the first helpers of the godchild's parents in rearing the child in the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. Example is the most powerful teaching tool. If you fulfill the requirements for sponsors listed below and are willing to be involved actively in sharing your faith with this child, please sign and date in the space provided below.

Godparents must:

- Be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, that is have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, and
- Be living their faith, that is regular Mass attendance, Easter Duty, etc., and
- Be registered in a parish, and
- Be recommended by their pastor, and
- Have attended Baptism preparation class within 3 years of this baptism.
- If married, be married (or marriage blessed) in the Catholic Church, or
- If unmarried, not be cohabitating or "living with" a romantic partner.

My godchild's name is: _____ I

understand the requirements for being a Baptism godparent and I affirm that I

Was Baptized at _____ Catholic Church

in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Received First Holy Communion at _____ Catholic Church in

_____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Was Confirmed at _____ Catholic Church

in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

Are you married: _____ Children/Ages _____

Baptized/in CCD? _____

(If married,) Married in the Catholic Church at _____

in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date) I

affirm that I am living my Catholic Faith and intend to fulfill the duties of godparent.

Godmother's Signature

Date

Phone #

Godmother: Please attach a recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate with Sacramental Notations

Must be Signed by your Pastor

I, Reverend _____ affirm that the above named person is a member of my parish, is a practicing Catholic in good standing, and is eligible to serve as a Godparent.

Name & City/State of Parish: _____ (seal) _____

Pastor Signature: _____

Christian Witness

Christian Witnesses must:

- Have been validly baptized (Trinitarian formula, with water)
- Have never been Catholic
- Be the opposite gender of the chosen Catholic Godparent

A Christian Witness for Baptism is someone chosen by the child's parent(s) who is unable to be a Godparent.

A Christian witness cannot be a Catholic who is not confirmed.

My godchild's name is: _____

I understand the requirements for being a Christian witness and I affirm that I

Was Baptized at _____ Church
in _____ (City and State) on _____ (date)

I affirm that I am living my Christian Faith and have never been Catholic.

Christian Witness's Signature

Date

Phone #