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**BAPTISM:** For an infant, child or adult, baptism is the beginning of one's life in Christ. Through this Sacrament, we die to sin and are reborn as children of God and members of the body of Christ, the church. As followers of Christ, we are then challenged to share His work, to minister to His people and to profess His love. Of the seven Sacraments in the church, three constitute 'Sacraments of Initiation': Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The child who is baptized and received into the church will begin to be nourished by the body and blood of Christ when he/she attains the age of reasoning. Later, at the threshold of adulthood, the youngster will be confirmed in Christian life with the seal of the Holy Spirit empowering him/her to bear witness to Christ.

**THE PARENTS:** In presenting their child for baptism, the parents show that they want him/her to grow up as a Christian, and they take on the responsibility of providing a Christian upbringing. They lead their child to the knowledge of God and, by their example, prepare him/her to receive the Eucharist and for confirmation. The baptismal liturgy gives great importance to the commitment of the parents to nurture faith values in their children a life of faith. Parents, who find themselves in circumstances such as a common-law union, or civil marriage outside of the Catholic Church, should give serious consideration as to how this will affect their ability to provide a strong example of faith for their children. **One parent needs to be baptised in the Roman Catholic Faith.** The pastor at Our Lady of Peace Parish will be happy to sensitively discuss the implications of these circumstances with the parents and provide steps to rectify.

**THE GODPARENTS:** Godparents are spiritual representatives of the Church and, as such, assist the parents in teaching the child to profess and express the faith. The godparents, therefore, have the following qualities:

- ✠ Be 16 years of age or older and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: baptism, Eucharist and confirmation.
- ✠ Be active members of the Catholic Church.
- ✠ Be mature enough to undertake the responsibility.
- ✠ In special circumstances, a baptized believing member of another Christian Church, along with a Catholic godparent, may act as a Christian witness.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:** Preparation for baptism enables the parents and godparents to gain a fuller knowledge and understanding of the meaning of baptism. It allows for thought and discussion regarding their spiritual hopes for their child and for themselves and the very important role they play in the child's spiritual growth. If the parents are not yet ready to fully profess and practice the faith of the Catholic Church, the facilitator may encourage them to delay the baptism until they are ready to make this commitment.

## The Baptismal Process

- ✓ Baptisms are usually offered on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11.30 am Mass. You must register at least one month in advance.
- ✓ Make an appointment to meet with Father Biju. Kindly bring the completed Baptismal Registration Form along with the donation envelope to meeting. (Form is also available at the office)
- ✓ Preparation meeting usually 1-2 weeks before the Baptismal Ceremony
- ✓ Baptismal Bib is Required for the Baptismal Ceremony

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact the parish office at 416-239-1259**



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## Baptism Registration Form

A MINIMUM \$100.00 DONATION IS SUGGESTED TO COVER THE COST OF CHURCH EXPENSES.

### Child's Full Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Last name) (Given Name) (Middle)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Year / Month / Day City / Province / Country

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/Town Postal Code

**Name of the Parish where you normally Worship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's School (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's First & Maiden Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have legal custody of the child.  (Cell): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's First & Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have legal custody of the child.  (Cell): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godmother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godfather: \_\_\_\_\_

*One Godparent must be Catholic, over age 16 and must attend Baptism. Only one is necessary.)*

and/or

Name of Christian Witness *(must be a baptized Christian in another tradition)*: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointment with Pastor: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation for Baptism: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration of Baptism: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00 Donation

Baptismal Computer Registry

Baptismal Register

Certificate