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**BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM**

OFFICE USE			
Date & Time of Baptism		Priest	
Certificate Issued on		Record: Book/No.	

Please write legibly. All information is confidential and will be recorded in Parish Archive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**(A copy of child's birth certificate must accompany this Form)**

**PARENTS' PARTICULARS:**

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As stated on Child's Birth Certificate)*

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As stated on Child's Birth Certificate)*

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Church Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Church and Civil Marriage Certificates must be attached with this Form)**

<p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b></p> <p>We, _____ and _____ on our own free will, allow our child _____ be baptised/received into the Catholic Church.</p>
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**GODPARENT (S) INFORMATION** *(Godparents must be baptised, confirmed, practising Catholic)*

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

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Declaration by applicants**

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- By submitting this form, we give consent to our personal data in this form being collected, stored, retained, retrieved, used, transmitted, and processed by the Archdiocese of Singapore in accordance with her data Protection, and in line with the Personal Data Protection Act 2012, including the disclosing of personal data to approved third parties and the transferring of Data outside of Singapore*
  - The Parish taking photos, videos or audio recordings which may contain my image/audio and may be used for archival purposes, on Parish's website, publications and for publicity purposes.*
  - We have also obtained the necessary expressed approval from our child's godparent(s) named within, consenting to provide his/her/their personal data(s) for the purpose of making this baptismal application. The said individuals are aware and consent to their personal data being collected, stored, retained, retrieved, used, transmitted and processed by the Archdiocese of Singapore in accordance with her Data Protection Policy, including the disclosing of personal data to approved third parties and the transferring of data outside of Singapore.*
  - We confirm that the information we have provided in this form is complete, accurate, recent and valid to the best of my knowledge. We are aware that we may update the personal data provided by us at any time by contacting the parish secretariat.*
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 Name and Signature of Father

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 Date

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 Name and Signature of Mother

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 Date

**NOTE:**

Please ensure that completed form is submitted with a copy of:

1. Parent's Baptismal Certificate(s),
  2. Parent's Church & Civil Marriage Certificates,
  3. Child's Birth Certificate and
  4. Godparent(s)' Baptismal Certificate (s).
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<b>Certificate Collected by:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date Collected</b>	

## **CANONICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF A GODPARENT AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS**

The significance of a Godparent at the Sacrament of Baptism requires that the parent(s) consider very seriously the faith and religious practice of the person proposed for this role. The sources for accessing the qualifications for the role of Godparent are The Code of Canon Law (1983) and The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994) promulgated by His Holiness, John-Paul II.

The following guidelines are provided to answer the usual questions that arise when parents are discerning a person for these roles.

### **GODPARENT FOR BAPTISM**

- The canonical guidelines for selecting a Godparent are found in Canon 872-874. A person to be baptized needs only one Godparent. If the tradition of having two is desired, the person or their parent(s) may choose a man and a woman. Two Godparents of the same sex is not permitted.
- The mother or the father may not be a Godparent. The role of Godparent is to assist the parent(s) in the training of the faith. The roles are distinct and not to be mixed.
- A Godparent is a Catholic in good standing, that is, living the Gospel message in their daily personal lives. They should practice the faith regularly. They are to be at least sixteen years of age, have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Catholics married outside the Church, or Catholics who choose to cohabit outside the Sacrament of Marriage are not permitted to be Godparents due to their irregular lifestyle.
- Any Catholic who is not living according to the doctrinal and moral teaching of the Church should not be asked to serve in this important role as Godparent.

### **CHRISTIAN WITNESS FOR BAPTISM**

- Any Catholic, who has abandoned the faith, even if they now are active members in another Christian Church or community, may not serve as a Godparent or as a Christian Witness. They have separated themselves from the Church and cannot serve even as a witness.
- A Christian Witness is a validly baptized Catholic who practices their faith in Christ in a visible and sincere manner.

## **CHRISTIAN NAMES FOR CATHOLIC BOYS AND GIRLS**

### **Canon Law and the Tradition of Giving Children Christian Names**

Many Catholics choose a saint's name for their child's first or middle name (or both!). In the past, Canon Law required that parents have a Christian name for the child at Baptism. However, this is no longer a hard-and-fast requirement. In the current code of Canon Law, number 855 simply states:

**“Parents, sponsors, and the pastor are to take care that a name foreign to Christian sensibility is not given.”**

This statement is phrased negatively, meaning that, instead of telling parents what they must do, a few names are instead considered “off limits,” while the rest is left to the prayerful reflection of the parents.

For example, it would be rather unsettling for a Catholic to present the name “Lucifer” or “Zeus” for an infant at his baptism, and priests might question what intention the parents had in giving their child such a name.

That being said, there is a long and beautiful tradition as to why Catholics do present a saintly or biblical name for their child at Baptism, and why those who convert to Catholicism may choose to take an additional name when they are baptized.

### **The Choosing and Changing of Names in the Bible**

The Bible gives us many vivid examples of significant circumstances bringing about a change in name, especially in regards to moments of spiritual conversion:

When God chooses Abram to be the father of the Chosen People and asks him to be circumcised as part of this new covenant, He gives Abram a new name: Abraham

After wrestling with an angel and receiving the angel's blessing, Jacob's name is changed to Israel

The name changes of Simon to Peter and Saul to Paul in the New Testaments are deeply significant

In each of these cases, an important encounter with God led to the choosing of a name which reflected the solemnity of that event. When a child is baptized, he or she becomes a son or daughter of God the Father, a co-heir of Heaven through Christ the Son, and a sharer in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If there's one event that inspires a Christian to take on a name matching the solemnity of the occasion, Baptism is certainly that event!

When Catholic parents have a child, they may choose a saint's name as the child's given name, and present that name at the infant's baptism. For those who receive baptism later in life or convert to Catholicism, the newly baptized may choose a name to reflect his or her new status as a Christian, and this name stands as a beautiful and concrete symbol and reminder of spiritual conversion.

### **Modern Thoughts on Taking a Saint's Name At Baptism**

To give someone a name, as we see from the beginning, is a sacred act, an act that participates in God's creative plan, a solemn responsibility that should be carried out with prayer and joyful seriousness. The choice of a name can have a profound impact on the child's development and self-identity.

One of the questions couples should ask themselves is what their child will think of the name chosen and the reasons why it was chosen. Was it chosen simply because they liked the way it sounded and no one had ever heard such associated sounds before, or was it chosen to honour a beloved family member or someone whose influence and virtue really impacted them?

Naming the child after a Christian saint or biblical hero is a concrete reminder for the child and everyone else that God is calling that child, like his or her Christian namesake, to holiness and heaven. A Christian name concretely indicates that there is, and is meant to be, a connection and continuity between natural and supernatural life, and between earthly and eternal life.