



INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM

Please write in BLOCK LETTERS. All information is confidential and will be recorded in Parish Archives.

INFANT/CHILD'S PARTICULARS			
Baptism Name of Child :		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY) / /
Name as in Birth Certificate :			Birth Cert No.:
Country of Birth :		Nationality / Citizen Of :	
PARENTS PARTICULARS			
Father's Full Name :			Religion :
Email :		Mobile :	
Mother's Maiden Name			Religion :
Email :		Mobile :	
Address (in full) :			Postal Code :
PLACE & DATE OF MARRIAGE			
Country of Civil Marriage :		Wedding Date :	
Place of Civil Wedding :		ROM Certificate No. :	
Place of Church Wedding :		Wedding Date :	
IF YOU WERE NOT MARRIED IN CHURCH			
Were you a Baptised Catholic at the time of your Wedding?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Was your spouse a Baptised Catholic at the time of your Wedding?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
GODPARENT (S) PARTICULARS			
Godfather's Name :		Godmother's Name :	
Email Address :		Email Address :	
DOB : / / Mobile :		DOB : / / Mobile :	
<p><i>Godparent(s) must be 16 years old and above and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They must be In good standing with the church and is practising their faith and receiving the sacraments regularly. They cannot be related to the child in the direct line, i.e. parents.</i></p>			

PARENTS CONSENT FOR INFANT/CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED

I (Father) , _____ and (Mother) _____

on our own free will, allow our child (Name) _____ to be baptized into the Catholic Church.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

GODPARENT(S) REQUIREMENTS

Please read Annex I "Canonical Guidelines For the Selection of A Godparent and Christian Witness".

CHOOSING A BAPTISM NAME

Please read Annex II "Christian Names For Catholic Boys and Girls.

BAPTISM BRIEFING

A compulsory Baptism Briefing for all parents & godparents will take place on a Sunday two weeks before the date of baptism. If either parents or godparents are not able to attend the preparatory session, please choose another date for your child's baptism. Otherwise, the Parish reserves the right to postpone the child's baptism.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

A Baptism Certificate will be issued after the child has been baptize. For completion of the Baptism Certificate, all names in the form should be given in full as recorded in their Birth Certificate/NRIC/Passport. The Baptism Certificate is an official document and would be required in future for such events as confirmation and registration of marriage in the church, and in some cases registration of children in a Catholic school.

Photocopy of Important Documents To Be Submitted With Application Form

Birth Certificate of Infant/Child to be baptized.

1. Catholic Confirmation Certificate or Baptismal Extract of Parents.
2. Catholic Marriage Certificate of Infant/Child's Parents.
 - If unable to present certificate for any reason, please make an appointment with the Priest.
3. Catholic Confirmation Certificate or Baptismal Extract of Godparent(s).

Note: Abovementioned documents must be made available on the stipulated closing date. If documents are not presented on submission, application form(s) will be moved to the following month.

IMPORTANT: Compliance with Guidelines for the Protection of Personal Data

The Church of the Transfiguration safeguards all personal data collected through the parish office, church ministry, commission, event or activity, in accordance with the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act (2012) and the with the Data protection policy stipulated on the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore's website (<https://www.catholic.sg/pdpa-policy/>),

By signing this form, I/we hereby acknowledge the following points on the PDPA has been brought to my/our attention and consent to:

- 1) The collection, storage, retention, adaptation, modification, reading, retrieval, use, transmission, disclosure, blocking, erasure or destruction ("Processing") of the personal data provided herein in this Form ("Personal Data") by the parish;
- 2) The disclosure and transfer of the said personal data to approved third parties within the Archdiocese of Singapore and/or foreign Dioceses; and/or Singapore government agencies for the purpose of processing and administration
- 3) The Parish sharing of my personal data: (eg Contact details disclosed in chat groups like WhatsApp) onto social media and all social communications platforms, where it deems necessary for the efficiency and efficacy of communication outreach to members, including myself/ourselves
- 4) The Parish taking photos, videos or audio recordings at church held events both on and off the church premises which may contain my/our image/audio likeness and may be used for archival and/or publicity purposes in the Parish's website, publications, content on social media, posters and communication marketing
- 5) Produce my/our personal identification documentation such as NRIC, passports, work permits, employment passes, etc., for the purpose of verification upon request by the Parish staff and/or volunteer.

Withdrawal of Consent

- 1) The consent that you provide for the collection, use and disclosure of your personal data will remain valid until such time it is being withdrawn by you in writing. You may withdraw consent and request us to stop using and/or disclosing your personal data for any or all of the purposes listed above by submitting your request in writing or via email to our Data Protection Officer officeadmin@transfiguration.sg
- 2) Upon receipt of your written request to withdraw your consent, we may require reasonable time (depending on the complexity of the request and its impact on our relationship with you) for your request to be processed and for us to notify you of the consequences of us acceding to the same, including any legal consequences which may affect your rights and liabilities to us in general, we shall seek to process your request within ten (10) working days of receiving it.
- 3) Whilst we respect your decision to withdraw your consent, please note that depending on the nature and scope of your request, we may not be in a position to continue providing our services to you and we shall, in such circumstances, notify you before completing the processing of your request. Should you decide to cancel your withdrawal of consent, please inform us in writing.
- 4) Please note that withdrawing consent does not affect our right to continue to collect, use and disclose personal data where such collection, use and disclose without consent is permitted or required under applicable laws

Name of Father signing this form

Signature

Date

Name of Mother signing this form

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE			
Date of Baptism Briefing		Priest	
Date of Baptism		Record Book No.	
Time of Baptism	am/pm	Certificate Issued On	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS. PLEASE TAKE NOTE

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

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 cohabitate outside of 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.

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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.