

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

# Ss. Peter & Paul Parish - **Baptism General Information Form**

## Child Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first child to be baptized?  Yes  No

If no, was the baptism(s) at Ss. Peter & Paul?  Yes  No

Siblings names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

## Father Information

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish?  Yes  No

If Catholic, have you received First Communion?  Yes  No At What Church? \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, have your received Confirmation?  Yes  No At What Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: (Check all that apply)

Single  Separated  First Marriage  Divorced  Remarried  Widowed

Married more than twice  Annulled  Engaged, Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mother Information

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish?  Yes  No

If Catholic, have you received First Communion?  Yes  No At What Church? \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, have your received Confirmation?  Yes  No At What Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: (Check all that apply)

Single  Separated  First Marriage  Divorced  Remarried  Widowed

Married more than twice  Annulled  Engaged, Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Information

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

Location of Wedding: (city, state, church name and denomination, or courthouse, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

If not married in a Catholic Church, was a dispensation granted, or has the marriage been received into the Catholic Church?  Yes  No *If not, the pastor and/or a staff member are available to discuss this process with you.*

If parents of this child are not married, are you planning on getting married to one another?  Yes  No

If yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? (Location, city, state) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# Ss. Peter & Paul Parish – Godparent Information Form

Please review the godparent criteria on the **Godparent Eligibility Form** before completing the **Godparent Information Form**. Once you have read the criteria, please complete 2 of the 3 following sections that apply:

**Catholic Godfather** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Registered at (Parish name, city, state): \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: (Check all that apply)

Single     Separated     First Marriage     Divorced     Remarried     Widowed

Married more than twice     Annulled     Engaged

If married, location of Wedding: (city, state, church name and denomination, or courthouse, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

If not married in a Catholic Church, was a dispensation granted, or has the marriage been received into the Catholic Church?  Yes  No *The marriage must be recognized by the Church in order to be a godparent.*

**Catholic Godmother:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Registered at (Parish name, city, state): \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: (Check all that apply)

Single     Separated     First Marriage     Divorced     Remarried     Widowed

Married more than twice     Annulled     Engaged

If married, location of Wedding: (city, state, church name and denomination, or courthouse, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

If not married in a Catholic Church, was a dispensation granted, or has the marriage been received into the Catholic Church?  Yes  No *The marriage must be recognized by the Church in order to be a godparent.*

**Non-Catholic Christian Witness:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Over 16 years of age?  Yes  No    Baptized Christian belonging to a church community?  Yes  No

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently registered and attending services at (Church name, denomination, city, state)

\_\_\_\_\_

# THE ROLE OF **GODPARENTS**

## **What is a godparent?**

A godparent's responsibilities extend far beyond standing with the family at church on the day of baptism. A godparent is expected to be a spiritual guide for the child through their whole life. Whether the godparent is a blood relative of the child or a close friend of the family, the expectation is that every effort will be made by the godparent to get to know their godchild well and help the parents by sharing their Catholic faith with the child in every way possible from the day of the baptismal ceremony to all the days beyond.

## **Each godparent must meet all the following criteria per the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church:**

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor (godparent) a person must:

- be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; (i.e. in need of marital annulment etc.)
- not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

## **Non-Catholic Christian Witnesses**

Baptized non-Catholic Christians may not be "official" godparents for the record book, but they may be "Christian Witnesses" of faith for your child and on the day of baptism. As long as one eligible Catholic godparent is chosen, one non-Catholic Christian Witness may also be chosen. Christian Witnesses should be exemplary models of faith and active members of their faith communities. A Catholic person who does not meet the criteria for godparents cannot be a Christian Witness.

## **Godparents by Proxy**

If the godparent cannot be present in person on the day of the baptism, they may appoint another person to represent them on the day of baptism. Requirements for the proxy are the same as those listed above for a godparent.

## **Godparent Eligibility Form**

Once you have selected godparents that meet the criteria listed above, please give the **Godparent Eligibility Form** to the proposed godparents for them to complete with their pastor, if not members of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish. If your proposed godparents are members of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, our staff will verify with the pastor that they are active members in good standing with the Church and will confirm with you that they may proceed as godparents. Once it is confirmed that your chosen godparents are fit for this role, please complete the **Godparent Information Form**.



## GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY FORM

The Code of Canon Law (Can. 892-893) lists the following as criteria for one to assume the role of baptismal godparent:

- be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; (i.e. in need of marital annulment etc.)
- not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ has been asked by the parents/guardians of  
(Godparent's Name, printed)

\_\_\_\_\_ to serve as their godparent.  
(Child's Name, printed)

This form, signed and sealed, will affirm that the above-proposed godparent meets the necessary canonical requirements to serve as baptismal godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Signature (or delegate of pastor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CHURCH SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish (Name, City, State)

Please complete this form and return to the proposed godparent or mail to the address below:

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Parish**

Attn: Baptism Coordinator

207 Vandalia Street

Collinsville, Illinois 62234