

HOLY ROSARY

Church & Dominican Priory

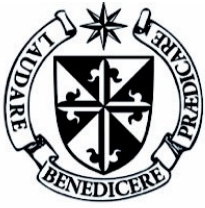
Baptism Policies and Procedures

As you consider scheduling your baptism at Holy Rosary Church, please review the following requirements for baptism. It is important for both you and us to be on the same page so that you are fully informed as you make your decision. I hope this initial information is helpful to you as you prepare for this great sacrament.

- The person (or the infant's parents) should be:
 - registered members of the parish,
 - attending Mass here every Sunday,
 - and contributing to the support of Holy Rosary Church,
 - for the past six (6) months.
- The godparent(s) chosen must meet all of the requirements of the Universal Catholic Church for baptismal sponsors (see document included). These requirements are set by Catholic Church law and are not negotiable.
- The godparent(s) chosen must complete the "Sacramental Sponsor Form" (enclosed) and have it signed by their parish pastor.
- The parents will meet with one of our parish priests for instruction and preparation prior to scheduling the baptism ceremony.

Thank you for reviewing this information and the enclosed documents. If you wish to move forward with baptism at our parish, please call to request an appointment at 503-235-3163 or email office@holyrosarypdx.org.

Fr. Peter Do
Pastor



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Requirements of Baptism/Confirmation Sponsors (Godparents) in the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church views the sponsor (godparent) for Baptism and Confirmation to be a religious and spiritual leader and model to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. The sponsor is one who, among other things, will be a good example of the Catholic faith and practice for the person being baptized or confirmed. Therefore, to be admitted as a sponsor a person must:

- be chosen by the one to be baptized/confirmed;
- be at least sixteen years of age;
- be a Catholic who has already received his/her First Holy Communion and Confirmation;
- be a practicing Catholic, namely:
 - attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation;
 - makes a Sacramental Confession of sins at least once a year;
 - receives Holy Communion at least once a year;
 - lives a life in keeping with the faith and morals of the Catholic Church;
 - if married, has been married by a priest or deacon in the Catholic Church;
 - not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
 - not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed;
 - have a letter from his/her pastor stating that he/she is a suitable candidate to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation.
 - If two godparents/sponsors are chosen for Baptism, one must be a male and one must be a female.
 - There is ordinarily only one sponsor for Confirmation.

Please note that these are the requirements of the universal Catholic Church and not just the policies of Holy Rosary Church. Therefore, they apply to all Catholics in every parish and are not negotiable.



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Sacramental Sponsor Form

Sponsor's name: _____

I have been invited to serve as a sponsor (godparent) for baptism/confirmation for

_____ at _____

(*name of person to be baptized/confirmed*)

(*name of church*)

I understand the importance of being a sponsor (godparent) and hereby affirm with my signature that I meet the following requirements for a sponsor as established by the church's teaching and law.

___ I am at least sixteen years of age.

___ I am a baptized Catholic and I have received my first holy communion and my confirmation.

___ I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

___ I make a sacramental confession of my sins to a priest at least once a year.

___ I receive holy communion at least once a year.

___ I live a life in keeping with the faith and morals of the Catholic Church.

___ I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

___ If married, my marriage has been blessed by a priest or deacon in the Catholic Church.

I hereby attest with my signature that I meet all of the aforementioned requirements to be a sacramental sponsor in the Catholic Church

Sponsor's signature _____ *Date* _____

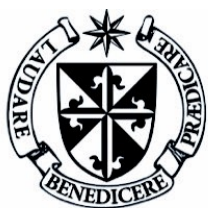
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I am the pastor of the above named candidate to be a sacramental sponsor. I affirm that this candidate is a practicing Catholic and a member of my parish, and that he/she meets the church's requirements to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Pastor's signature _____ *Date* _____

Pastor's printed name: _____

Parish name: _____

Parish address: _____



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Data for Baptismal Register

Name of Child _____

First

Middle

Last

Parents' Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ City & State of Birth _____

Month/Day/Year

Father's Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Father's Religion _____

Mother's Name _____

First

Middle

Maiden

Last

Mother's Religion _____

Godfather's Name _____ Catholic? _____

Godmother's Name _____ Catholic? _____

Is either godparent to be represented by a proxy? _____ Which one(s)? _____

Name(s) of Proxy(-ies) _____

Were the parents married by a Catholic priest/deacon? _____

Is the child adopted? _____ Was the child privately baptized? _____

Will the child be raised Catholic? _____

Remarks:

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Date of Baptism: _____ Time: _____

Priest Baptizing: _____