

**BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**  
**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**202 KRONKOSKY, BOERNE, TEXAS 78006**

**\*\*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK AS THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RECORDED ON BAPTISM CERTIFICATE\*\***  
**\*\*NAMES AND DATES MUST MATCH BIRTH CERTIFICATE EXACTLY\*\***

Documentation Needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of State-Issued Birth Certificate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption or Guardianship Court Documentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism Preparation Class Certificates (see **Note 1**)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Father
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mother
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor 1
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor 2 or Christian Witness

Parents (see **Note 2**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) registered parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle  
If not, permission to baptize outside of parish \_\_\_\_\_

Father – Baptized Catholic\_\_\_\_\_, Confirmed Catholic\_\_\_\_\_; Baptized Non-Catholic\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother – Baptized Catholic\_\_\_\_\_, Confirmed Catholic\_\_\_\_\_; Baptized Non-Catholic\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) (see **Note 3**)

Sponsor 1 – Age 16 or older\_\_; Male\_\_, Female\_\_; Baptized/Confirmed Catholic\_\_  
Sponsor 2 – Age 16 or older\_\_; Male\_\_, Female\_\_; Baptized/Confirmed Catholic\_\_  
(OR, to replace Sponsor 2)  
Christian Witness – Age 16 or older\_\_; Male\_\_, Female\_\_; Baptized Non-Catholic\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Place of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State)

Biological\_\_ Adoptive\_\_ Guardian\_\_ **Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Biological\_\_ Adoptive\_\_ Guardian\_\_ **Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden)

**Mail Baptism Certificate to: Father and Mother**\_\_\_\_\_, **Father only**\_\_\_\_\_, **Mother only**\_\_\_\_\_ **at the following address:**

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City**\_\_\_\_\_ **State**\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code**\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone**\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor 1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Sponsor 2 or Christian Witness Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Name of Priest or Permanent Deacon** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only: Entered in PDS** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cert. Typed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entered in Book** \_\_\_\_\_

Once all documentation is received and information is completed, Father Norm will contact you to set a date and time and enter it here: Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Language Preferred \_\_\_\_\_

# BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

## Baptism Preparation Class (Note 1)

Canon #851, paragraph 2, stipulates that parents and sponsors are to be instructed on the meaning of Baptism and obligations attached to it. Both the mother and father of the child to be baptized AND both Catholic baptismal sponsors OR one Catholic baptismal sponsor and one Christian Witness MUST attend a Baptismal Preparation Class here or at another Roman Catholic Parish. Because we cannot provide private baptismal preparation classes, these individuals must attend already scheduled group sessions at the normally scheduled times each month. Certificates of proof of attendance will be provided at completion of the classes. At St. Peter's Church, the certificate of completion will allow you to serve as baptismal sponsors at any time during a five-year period after the baptismal class completion. After that, a refresher course will be required.

The next Baptismal Preparation Classes are available at the following dates, times and place:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Life Center Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Life Center Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Life Center Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ Language: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents (Note 2)

If parents are not registered members of St. Peter the Apostle in Boerne, Texas, they should provide pastoral reason for baptizing here and provide a letter of permission from their pastor to baptize here.

Marital Status:

- \_\_\_\_\_ married in Catholic Church
- \_\_\_\_\_ married by a Christian Minister
- \_\_\_\_\_ married by a judge
- \_\_\_\_\_ cohabitating
- \_\_\_\_\_ living separately (if so, who does child live with? \_\_\_\_\_)

If parents are not married by the Catholic Church, are you interested in the priest preparing you to be married by the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor(s) (Note 3)

Canon #874 of the *Code of Canon Law* stipulates that **one sponsor**, male or female, is sufficient; but there **may be two**, one of each sex. Canon #874 says that to be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:

- Be appointed by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or minister. To be appointed the person must be suitable for the role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
- Be not less than sixteen years of age.
- Be a Catholic who has been Baptized, received First Communion, and been Confirmed. The sponsor must live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.
- Not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared.
- Not be either the father or mother of the child to be baptized.

Canon #874 also allows for a "**Christian Witness**", that is, a baptized person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community. They can be admitted **only in company with a Catholic sponsor**, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.

Canon #872 of the *Code of Canon Law* says that the role of the sponsor is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent to baptism.

It is the baptismal parent's responsibility to choose one Catholic sponsor, two Catholic sponsors, or a Catholic sponsor and a Christian Witness. The Catholics who serve as sponsor must have received Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and, if cohabitating with someone, be married in the Catholic Church.

At St. Peter's Parish, the baptismal parents are on the "honor system" in providing these names. No documentation is required to prove the sponsors' sacramental history.

**Additional Notes:** It is customary that a stipend be given by the family to the priest or deacon celebrating the baptism. The amount is left to the family.