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## Parents Application for Baptism of Infants

Dear Parents and Godparents,

### I. A note to Parents and God Parents

**BAPTISM** as you should know is a Sacrament. As such it is a **“sacred event”** in the life of your child. It is a “sacred event” because in Baptism the child participates in the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, “For surely you know this when we were baptised into the union with Jesus Christ, we were baptised into union with his death. By our Baptism then, we were baptised with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was risen from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life”. (Rom 6: 3-5).

It is important, therefore, that you bring your child for baptism and on its behalf are going to answer the questions put to you by the Church in the name of Christ. You should prepare yourself to participate in the sacred ceremony with understanding and reverence due to this sacrament. And this requires on your part a spiritual preparation. It is important and necessary that you attend the Pre-baptism instructions in order to prepare yourselves.

Because of the sacred nature of the Sacrament of Baptism, the Church has laid certain conditions on which the Sacrament of Baptism should be celebrated. Briefly the conditions are: (a) that the parents and Godparents are practising Catholics. (b) that they come for mass and receive the Sacraments. (c) that they are capable of teaching and bringing up their children in the knowledge and practice of faith. (d) and their own way of life is a living example of their faith-life in Christ. It is also important that the Godparents are people who can closely follow the child in his/her formation in the faith. When these conditions are present they render the answers given by the parents and Godparents to the questions put to them by the Church, truthful, meaningful and sincere. It is only right that we approach God in truthfulness and sincerity.

### 1. Parents Ministry

Your child will learn from you how to live in a family, among friends and in his new relationship with God. Your child will understand that Christian life is special when he/she sees your love of God manifested in your continuing effort to know HIM in your daily lives.

Baptism is a gift, freeing one from original sin, and communicating a share in the life of Christ, as a member of His Mystical Body. Parents must assume their responsibility and give the assurance that this gift can grow by an authentic education in the faith and practice of their religion or if parents are not practising Catholics or come to church only occasionally, then there can be grounds for delaying the sacrament of baptism.

### 2. God-parents’ Ministry

God-parents must be practising Catholics. They need not be close relatives (grandparent, brothers/sisters of parents).

God-parents exercise their ministry during the celebration of the sacrament in a number of ways :

- Accompanying the child to the church and home afterwards
- Pledging to help the spiritual growth of the child
- Signing the child’s forehead with the cross
- Joining parents in the renunciation and profession of faith

In addition, the god-parents have a continuing ministry that lasts until the child had reached adulthood. Very often this aspect of their ministry is forgotten or neglected. At Baptism the Minister asks god-parents “Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian fathers and mothers?”. God-parents respond, “We are”. In the context this “help” clearly goes beyond the celebration. It includes the whole process of raising a Christian child. It is not the intention of the church that they assume responsibility of raising and supporting the child in any way. A simple suggestion is that besides remembering the child in their prayers, god-parents visit the child occasionally at the anniversary of his/her Baptism, frequent contacts at Sunday Masses, to show in concrete way the care and the concern they still have, even many years after Baptism. If parents have been negligent to ensure that the child attends faith education classes conducted in Church, the god-parents must assume the responsibility and urge the parents.



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**INFANT BAPTISM FORM**

We parents, wish to make an application for Baptism on behalf on our daughter/son as follows :  
(Please write in clear block letters to avoid mistakes in Baptism Certificate)

**INFANT**

NAME : .....  
(As in birth certificate or Mykad)

Date of birth : ..... Place of birth: ..... Sex: .....

**\* Please attach copy of Child’s Birth Certificate**

**PARENTS** (As in IC or Passport)

FATHER : ..... H/P NO: .....  
(Christian Name): ..... RELIGION : .....

MOTHER : ..... H/P NO: .....  
(Christian Name): ..... RELIGION : .....

HOME ADDRESS : .....  
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MARRIAGE (Church) : ..... DATE : .....

FATHER SIGNATURE : ..... DATE : .....

MOTHER SIGNATURE : ..... DATE : .....

**\* Please attach copy of Church Marriage Certificate**

**Or \* If not married in Church, Kindly make appointment to see the Parish Priest.**

**GOD-PARENTS** (Name as in IC – (include Baptism name)

GODFATHER : .....

GODMOTHER : .....

(God-parents both must be Catholic, **Baptised, Confirmed** and are **Practising** and **Inspiring Catholics**)

The Baptism will take place at : Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Date : ..... Time :.....

And the Pre-Baptism instructions for Parents and Godparents on: Date : ..... Time :.....

A Fee of RM 20.00 for the baptism candle and certificate which will be collected upon submission of the form.

2. If parents **do not belong to the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes**, this application form needs to be counter signed by the Parish Priest of the Parish of the parents.

Approved by : Rev. Fr : .....  
(Parish Priest)

3. If parents **belong to the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes**, and wish to have their child baptised in another church, this application form needs to be signed by the Parish Priest of OLL.

Approved by : Rev. Fr : .....  
(Parish Pastor)

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Sacrament Administered on : ..... Minister : Rev. Fr .....