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Preparing for Infant Baptism

1. A parent contacts the Director of Faith Formation.
2. Parents meet with the Rector.
3. Choose Godparents and obtain certificates of eligibility from their parish of registration.
4. Once certificates of eligibility are received, parents and Godparents attend a Pre-Baptism Class.
5. After class, schedule the Baptism at least one month in advance.

Note: Parents must be registered and active parishioners (attending Sunday mass) at the Cathedral. If they are members of another parish, a letter is required from their parish. If they do not attend Church at all, they must register and attend Sunday Mass at the Cathedral for at least three months before being scheduled to attend the baptismal class.

Pre-Baptism Class:

The Pre-Baptism Class is held every first Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall at 12:45pm. Both parents and Godparents must attend. Registration is required. The class is offered in English or Spanish.

Godparents Requirements

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Obtain a certificate of eligibility from the parish of registration if the Godparents *are not* registered at the Cathedral. If they do not attend Church at all, they must register and attend Sunday Mass at the Cathedral for at least three months before being scheduled to attend the baptismal class.
3. Attend the Pre-Baptism Class
4. Be a practicing Catholic who has completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)

Note: Parents may choose to have just one Godparent. If choosing two Godparents, one sponsor may be a non-Catholic Christian who is active (practicing) member of a Christian Church. A letter from their pastor is required.

Scheduling a Baptism

1. Baptisms may be scheduled during the Sunday mass, as available:
 - 8:30am in English at the Cathedral
 - 10:00 am in English at St. Joseph located at 1010 Liberty Street
 - 11:30am in Spanish at the Cathedral.
2. Baptisms may also be scheduled at 1pm on Sundays, as available.

Note: A donation of \$50 per child is typically given at the time of scheduling the baptism.

Baptism for Children over 7 years old & Adults:

The process for children over 7 years old and adults, requires a time of formation using the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Model. RCIA is also the program for adults who need to complete First Communion and Confirmation. For this process, please consult the Director of Faith Formation, Sr. Linda Taber, IHM