

Our Lady of Grace Church

The Mrs. Julian Price Memorial

201 S. Chapman Street

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27403

Application for the Sacrament of Baptism for Children

Date Requested for Baptism: _____

Registered and Active Member of O.L.G. Parish: Yes _____ No _____

Child's Name (first, middle, last): _____
(Indicate **Male** or **Female**)

Child's Date of Birth: _____

City and State of Birth: _____

Child's Ethnicity: _____

Child's Father's Full Name: _____

Child's Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Child's Parents' Address: _____

and Phone Numbers: _____

Email address: _____

Church of Parents' Marriage: _____

in (*city and state*) _____

Was Marriage Blessed by Catholic Church? Yes _____ No _____

Godfather's Name: _____ Certified: _____

Godmother's Name: _____ Certified: _____

Proxy Name(s): _____

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(The following is for parish staff use only.)

Baptismal Preparation Given (Date:) \_\_\_\_\_ (By Whom:) \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time Reserved in Parish Calendar: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiating Priest or Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUR LADY OF GRACE BAPTISMAL GUIDELINES

1. Family must be active, registered parishioners of OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH.
2. Baptisms take place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4 PM. Please check with the office before settling on a date. *Due to our church schedule not all Saturdays or Sundays are available.*

It is preferable that both *Godparents* be Catholic, however, at least one of the *Godparents* must be a practicing Catholic and able to obtain a *Sponsor Letter* from their parish. This letter (*sometimes referred to as a Sponsor Form or Certificate of Eligibility*) affirms that the *Godparent* is a practicing Catholic. Please have the letter (form or certificate) sent directly to the church office prior to the day of the Baptism.

A baptized non-Catholic who is invited to participate in the celebration of a Baptism serves as a *Christian Witness*. While not needing a Sponsor Letter, a *Christian Witness* is a follower of Jesus Christ.

3. The Sacrament of Baptism welcomes the newly baptized into the faith life of the Church. Baptism is a communal celebration and brings together a group of children who are to receive this Sacrament. Once you have completed the Baptismal Preparation Class you can call the church office to schedule a date.

If something arises that causes you to change the date of the Baptism, please notify the parish office as soon as possible.

4. If a *Godparent/Christian Witness* is unable to attend the Baptism in person please select someone to stand-in. This is called a proxy. If you have a proxy the following is required.
  - A. A letter from the *Godparent/Christian Witness* identifying the person to stand-in for him or her.
  - B. Each Catholic *Godparent*, though they are having someone stand-in for them, must still obtain a Sponsor Letter from their own parish.

5. A Catholic *Godparent*:

- is at least 16 years old,
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation),
- if married, has a marriage that is recognized by the Catholic Church,
- regularly participates in Sunday Mass and strives to live a life in harmony with the Church,
- supports the person to be baptized by prayer and by the Christian example in their daily life.

We have a Godparent/Sponsor Form that the Godparent can take to their own parish church and have it signed and stamped with the church seal. We also accept a Sponsor Letter (form or certificate) issued directly by the Godparent's church.

6. Many families ask if a donation is to be given to the priest or deacon who celebrates the Baptism. A donation is appreciated and may be given directly to the priest or deacon. A typical donation is \$25.
7. If you would like to schedule the Baptism of your child, or have questions, please call Nicole Alvarez at 274-6520 ext. 315.