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# Cathedral of the Annunciation

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Dear Parents:

The Ministry Team at the Cathedral of the Annunciation welcomes your request for information regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for your young child. Our "Infant Baptism Preparation Series" is designed to prepare parents with children under six years of age to be received into the Family of God. The series provides an opportunity for you to join together with other parents from our parish to explore the meaning of Baptism and enrich your faith experience.

As you prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation for your child, keep in mind the following:

**The Baptism of your child signifies a solemn commitment by you the parents, to raise your child within the faith community of the Roman Catholic Church and in accordance with its teachings.**

To best prepare you for this commitment we have designed a series of two sessions. Completion of the sessions prior to the baptism is mandatory. Both **parents** and **godparents must attend** a series of your choice. All classes, unless otherwise noted, are held **Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, in the school 1110 Lincoln Street (entrance on the corner of Lincoln and Magnolia), the cost of the class will be **\$50**. Upcoming class dates for **2017** are as follows:

<b>January 18 &amp; 25</b>	<b>April 19 &amp; 26</b>	<b>July 19 &amp; 26</b>	<b>October 18 &amp; 25</b>
<b>February 15 &amp; 22</b>	<b>May 24 &amp; 31</b>	<b>August 23 &amp; 30</b>	<b>November 15 &amp; 29</b>
<b>March No Classes</b>	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>September 20 &amp; 27</b>	<b>Dec No Classes</b>

Please review the following information sheet and return the registration form once you are prepared to attend the classes.

In Christ,

Rev. John M. Armistead  
Pastor

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## **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION SERIES**

Participation in the Baptism Preparation Series is a requirement for all parents seeking Baptism for their children. Parents who can provide documentation, which states they attended the Baptism Preparation Series (2-day sessions) within the last two years, are exempt. To register for an upcoming session, please complete and **return the enclosed form with the \$50 registration fee at least one week prior** to your selected class date.

### **GODPARENTS**

Select your godparents carefully as Canon Law requires that each child seeking the Sacrament of Baptism have at least one official godparent who is a *practicing Catholic, Baptized, Confirmed and Married by the Church (if married)*. We require that the godparent/s are either registered members of the Cathedral of the Annunciation or provide a letter from the parish in which they are registered declaring their status as active parishioners. Parents may choose to select one or two godparents. All documentation must be provided prior to the scheduling of your child's Baptism. **Godparents must attend to class. Documentation from other parishes may be received by fax at 463-0807 only if faxed by the parish.** Christians of other denominations may serve as "Christian witnesses" to the Baptism.

### **SCHEDULING THE BAPTISM**

Baptisms at the Cathedral of the Annunciation are scheduled the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:30 p.m.** All documentation must be in order before the scheduling of your child's Baptism. You will need to contact the Parish House at 463-1305 to inquire about available dates and scheduling of baptism.

### **BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**

Parents seeking Baptism for children **over the age of six years** should direct their questions to **Graciela Ayala**, Director of Religious Education at 463-1305. An age appropriate program is designed to meet the needs of older children and their parents.

### **BAPTISM CHECKLIST**

- Godparent/s chosen, at least one of which is a practicing Catholic
- Documentation provided by parents outside of Cathedral Parish
- Registration Form Completed with the **\$50 Registration Fee**
- Copy of the child's county Birth Certificate
- Documentation provided by godparents outside of Cathedral Parish
- Baptism Preparation Classes attended
- Schedule Baptism