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Dear Parents,

Congratulations and welcome as you prepare for the baptism of your child. We rejoice with you on this happy occasion!

This leaflet contains important information for your child's baptism. Registration for the baptism requires a parent (or the legal guardian) to meet with Fr. Lorenzo for an intake session. This meeting should take place **6 weeks before** the desired date of baptism. Please arrange a date and time for this *first meeting*, where your child's baptism will be registered, *by calling Fr. Lorenzo at the rectory, emailing him or texting him*. Please keep in mind that nothing is "official" until the child is properly registered.

We look forward, as does the parish community of Immaculate Conception, to the baptism of your child. May it be to you, always a day filled with meaning, prayerfulness and joy. May Christ Jesus, who is the source of all good things, send you every blessing.

Sincerely,

The Priests & Staff of Immaculate Conception Church

If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact one of the priests at the Rectory office, or you can speak to Father Lorenzo directly via email or via the cell phone number provided.

FIRST MEETING

Please make sure to arrange a day when you can come in to meet with Fr. Lorenzo. You can do so by emailing Fr. Lorenzo at FatherrLmL@gmail.com, by texting his cell phone number, or by calling him at the Rectory office. Please bring in the following to this first meeting:

- a. Original Birth Certificate of the Child
- b. Names of god parents
- c. Date for Baptism Class
- d. Date of Baptism; *Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of the Month*

GODPARENT SELECTION

A Godparent has an important lifelong spiritual relationship with the child and parents. Being a godparent is a commitment and a responsibility; **it is not a symbolic role.**

At least one Catholic godparent is required. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and the other a woman.

GOD PARENT REQUIREMENT

*A. We ask you to keep these few criteria in mind when choosing a godparent.
The godparent to be selected*

- 1. must be a Catholic in good standing
- 2. must be at least 16 years of age
- 3. must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion
- 4. should be attending Sunday Mass weekly
- 5. must be married in the Roman Catholic Church if he or she is married.

B. If he or she is not a registered parishioner of Immaculate Conception, he or she will need a statement of eligibility from their home parish.

GODPARENT CONFIRMATION AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

The godparent selected *should* provide us with

1. a copy of his or her Confirmation certificate
2. a completed Sponsor Certificate from the parish in which the godparent is registered.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION CLASS

*Both parents and godparents are **required** to attend the Baptism Instruction Class. Classes are held on the 4th week of each month on Monday or Thursday @ 7 PM, or Saturday @ 10 AM. Be prepared to discuss possible dates for the baptism class at our *first meeting*. When arrangements have been made for the Baptismal Instruction class, **please leave your child at home with a responsible adult.***

IF GOD PARENTS CAN NOT MAKE IT TO THE BAPTISM CLASS

If the godparent lives too far to attend the baptism class, it may be more convenient for the godparent to attend instruction in his or her home parish. If so, **a letter or certificate** should be obtained from your home parish stating that the godparent has attended baptismal instructions.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION DATE & TIME

Celebration of Baptism Schedule

*Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A NON CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN BE THE SPONSOR OF THE CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED

If you have one Catholic godparent and are interested in having a non Catholic Christian serve as a Christian witness, the following is required:

1. Provide proof of Baptism
2. Provide Letter of Good Standing from the witness' pastor stating he or she is in good standing and an active member of their church.
3. Attend the Baptismal Instruction class. If the Witness can not attend the baptism class, he or she is to provide a copy of the certificate or letter stating that he or she has attended the pre-baptism class elsewhere.

DONATION TO THE CHURCH

The suggested offering for the ceremony is \$75. Please feel free to give your offering to the priest at the baptismal instruction class **or** on the day of the baptism.