

Responsibility of Parents

Policy No. 600

Policy Statement: Parents are responsible for requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their infant or child.

Definition: **Parents** are the birth mother and birth father or the adoptive mother and the adoptive father.

Adoptive parents must have received final papers from the Provincial Court of Judgment.

NB. A letter from the adoption agency granting legal rights, including Baptism is not sufficient, as these are not the final legal papers.

A Court appointed guardian is an adult appointed by the Provincial Court who is responsible for the care of a child and has the right to make decisions concerning that child.

- Procedure:***
- a) Parents are to formally request Baptism at their proper parish.
 - b) Ideally this request should be made so that Baptism can take place as soon as possible after birth of the child.
 - c) Complete the Baptism of a Child Form – Appendix 603A.
 - d) Select sponsor(s).
 - e) Complete a Baptism Preparation program.

Also refer to Policy:

- No. 601 Baptism Preparation
- No. 603 Registration Requirements for Baptism
- No. 605 Selection of Sponsor
- No. 701 Determination of Proper Parish

Also refer to Appendix:

- Appendix 603A Baptism of a Child Form