

Responsibility of Pastors

Policy No. 602

Policy Statement: The pastor will ensure that requirements and forms are completed for each request for the Sacrament of Baptism.

He must ensure that Baptism Preparation is provided to parents and that sponsors also receive instruction on the meaning of the Sacrament and their obligations (Can.851§2).

Procedure:

- a) Complete Baptism of a Child Form – Appendix 603A.
- b) Determine that parents and sponsors are adequately prepared to raise their child in the Faith. (Can.851§2).
- c) Provide Baptism Preparation:
 - by the pastor himself
 - by delegation of the pastor to another person who has been properly trained for this role
 - by delegation of the pastor to a Baptism Preparation team. (As team members change, periodic education and/or review may need to be provided).
- d) Confer the Sacrament of Baptism according to the approved Rite of Baptism (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Also refer to Policy:

- No. 601 Baptism Preparation
- No. 603 Registration Requirements for Baptism
- No. 605 Selection of Sponsor