

## **Christian Witness**

**Policy No. 606**

***Policy Statement:*** Along with an initiated Catholic Sponsor, a validly baptized non-Catholic person can be a Witness to the Baptism.

***Intent of Policy*** To indicate that there is a degree of unity among Christians through Baptism.

- Procedure:***
- a) A person baptized in the Catholic Church who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & Eucharist) may be a Witness, not a Sponsor. It is not recommended to designate a baptized Catholic as a Witness. Baptized Catholics should be encouraged to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.
  - b) The Christian Baptism of the non-Catholic person selected to be a Witness must be verified. (See Appendix 612C Validity of Baptism in the Catholic Church).
  - c) The Witness must be of opposite sex to the Sponsor.
  - d) The name of the Christian Witness may be indicated on the Baptism Certificate as '(Christian Witness)'.

***Refer to Policy:***

No. 605 Selection of Sponsor  
No. 814 Baptism Certificate

***Refer to Appendix:***

612C Validity of Baptism in the Catholic Church