

Place of Baptism

Policy No. 607

Policy Statement: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in a Catholic parish church.

- Adults in their own proper parish church
- Infants in the parish church of the parents (c. 857)

Intent of Policy Baptism understood as the entrance into the Catholic Faith community is to be celebrated in the place where the community of the faithful gathers.

Procedure:

- a) All documentation pertaining to the Baptism is retained at the parish church where the Baptism is celebrated. (Policy No. 615 Permanent File).
- b) The Baptism is recorded in the Baptism Register of the parish church where the Baptism is celebrated.
- c) Parents may request permission from their pastor for the Baptism celebration to take place in another parish church, eg., grandparents' parish.
- Permission of the pastor is indicated via a letter or ✓ in the box □ on the Baptism of a Child Form – Appendix 603A.

Also refer to Policy:
No. 701 Determination of Proper Parish
No. 615 Permanent File

Also refer to Appendix:
Appendix 603A Baptism of a Child Form