

**Request for Baptism for a Child under 7 years**

- Thank you for your interest in the Parish life of Ratoath.  
Please accept the GDPR Policy by ticking the box:  I accept.

*Dear Parents/Guardians, "The Christian community welcomes you with great joy!" - these words will be used at the ceremony of Baptism to welcome your child into the faith community which is the Catholic Church.*

*The Church asks parents and godparents to ensure that the child's name is not "foreign to Christian sentiment" [Canon 855]. At least one name should be the name of a Saint.*

- Christian name(s) of the Child (as on the Birth Certificate):
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- Family name of the Child (as on the Birth Certificate):
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- Child's date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

- Child's Gender:  Male  Female

- **Proposed date of Baptism:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

- Name of Child's Mother:
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- Former/Maiden Name of Child's Mother:
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- Religion:  Roman-Catholic  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- Name of Child's Father:
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- Religion:  Roman-Catholic  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- Address of the Family:
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- Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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- Marital Status:  Married  Unmarried  \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of marriage (if the case): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Place / Church of marriage (if the case):

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*Only one godparent is required and may be either male or female. Where there are two godparents, one must be male (godfather) and the other female (godmother) [Canon873].*

*A godparent must be:*

- Not less than 16 years of age.
- A Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Living "a life of faith which fits the role to be undertaken" [Canon 874].

- Godmother's Name:

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- Godfather's Name:

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*During the Baptism ceremony, the godparents will be asked if they are willing to undertake the role of godparent (i.e., to support and encourage the parents in handing on the Christian faith to the child) and they will also be asked to profess publicly their Christian faith.*

- I understand and I confirm the godparent(s) are over 16 years of age and good Catholic(s).  I understand.

*The duties and responsibilities of godparents are as follows:*

- Be an example of what it means to live the Christian life;
- Help the child to grow in the Christian faith;
- Encourage the child to pray and to practice the Christian faith;
- Help the child as he/she prepares for other Sacraments;
- Pray for the child.

*A person who is unable or unwilling to undertake any of these commitments should not be considered for the role of godparent as to do so would deprive the child of a valuable source of spiritual support and encouragement.*  I confirm.

I understand that the information provided on this Request Form will be used for the registration of my/our child's Baptism and will be retained thereafter by the Parish for its own purposes only, and may be used in the future to contact me/us in relation to other Parish matters (First Communion, Confirmation etc.).

I understand that in asking to have my child baptised, I am assuming a responsibility to bring my child up in the practice of Christian faith, and to help my child participate in the life of the Church through prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments.  I understand.

**I also agree to come to the Parish Office with the original birth certificate, to submit this Form and to confirm the date of the Baptism.**

I agree.

**SIGNATURE(S):**

**Date:**

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- **\*(Office use only): Minister of Baptism:**