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## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

## (Please read thoroughly)

- 1. Children <u>UP TO</u> the age of 6 years are baptized. Children <u>AFTER</u> the age of 6 years are baptized through the CCD Program.
- 2. To register a child for baptism it is necessary to present an original birth certificate (Hospital registers are **NOT** acceptable).
- 3. It is necessary for the father and mother to register their child. To do this they are required to present personal identification.
- 4. If the father or mother
  - a. Do not live with the child
  - b. Are not catholic
  - c. Will not be present at the baptism.

They are required to write a letter of consent stating that they are willing to let their child be baptized. This letter needs to be **NOTARIZED**. In these cases this letter is **OBLIGATORY**.

- 5. The above mentioned documents are to be presented before an appointment with the priest is arranged
- 6. When the priest has interviewed the parents he will explain to them the pre-baptismal talks.
- 7. PRE-BAPTISMAL PROGRAM:
  - a. It is necessary to participate in the Pre-Baptismal Program (failure of parents or godparents to assist at the pre-baptismal program will cause a postponement of the baptism).
  - b. If one (1) or both of the parents and godparents do not live in Miami they are required to participate in a Pre-Baptismal Program in their local parish and present a letter or certificate from the parish testifying their attendance
  - c. Pre-Baptismal Program on the internet is **NOT** accepted.

When the parents and godparents have participated in the pre-baptismal program a date will be arranged for the baptism

## 8. **GODPARENTS**:

- a. Are required
  - 1. To be catholic
  - 2. To be at least 16 years of age
  - 3. To have received the sacrament of baptism, and confirmation

At least one (1) of the godparents is required to **PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION**.

