

# St. Hedwig's Church

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## **BAPTISMAL ARRANGEMENT**

### **CHILD:**

GIVEN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY MONTH YEAR

DATE OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY MONTH YEAR

DATE OF PREPARATION FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY MONTH YEAR

### **PARENTS:**

FATHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME AND FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED MEMBER OF WHICH PARISH? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU SUPPORT YOUR PARISH? \_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU MARRIED IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF THE CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY MONTH YEAR

Can. 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;

2/ have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;

3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;

4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

**Can our child be baptized in a parish if we do not live within the parish boundaries?**

Baptism, like all of the sacraments, is a celebration of a living relationship with God and with the local believing community, the parish. The sacraments are celebrations of our Church and, as such, are normally celebrated in the parish where the family resides or is registered and normally worships.

**Can our child be baptized if we're not practicing Catholics?**

Baptism is more than a rite of passage for a child or a washing away of original sin. Baptism is a sharing in the life of the risen Christ. Baptism is also the first step of initiation into the Christian community. During the Rite of Baptism, parents promise to raise their child in the practice of the faith. Parents who are not practicing members of the community may be asked to delay the Baptism of their child until they have re-established that connection with their parish community.

**Can our child be baptized if we're not married?**

Not married in the Church? Your child's Baptism and your marriage are two separate issues. Your marital status may be discussed during your Baptism interview to encourage you to get married (or validate your marriage in the Church) if this is appropriate. However, as long as you are committed to raising your child as a Catholic, he/she may celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

**Who can be godparents?**

Since godparents take on two roles - that of support for the parents in the Catholic upbringing of their child, and that of representing the Christian community into which the child is being initiated - they must be practicing Catholics, living according to the faith and fully initiated through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, who are mature enough (usually at least 16 years of age) to undertake this role.

**Can a parent serve as a godparent?**

A parent may not serve as a godparent because the parent already has a distinct role and relationship with the child. A godparent's role is separate from that of a parent or legal guardian.

**What does a godparent do?**

A godparent is called to model what it means to live as a Catholic Christian. The godparent is to assist the child in living a Christian life.

**How many godparents are required?**

The child may have only one or two godparents. If two godparents are chosen, one is to be a man and the other a woman.

<b>GODPARENTS:</b>	<b>GODFATHER</b>	<b>GODMOTHER</b>
NAME		
SURNAME		
PARISH OF PRACTISE		
AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE (YES/NO)		
CATHOLIC BAPTISM (YES/NO)		
FRIST COMMUNION (YES/NO)		
CONFIRMATION (YES/NO)		
PARTICIPATION IN EVERY SUNDAY MASS (YES/NO)		
SINGLE (YES/NO)		
HIS/HER MARRIAGE HAS BEEN BLESSED BY CATHOLIC CHURCH (YES/NO)		
HIS/HER MARRIAGE IS A TYPE OF "COMMON LAW", CIVIL MARRIAGE (YES/NO)		
HIS/HER IS A TYPE OF "CONCUBINAGE" Example: A man and a woman live together without marrying (YES/NO)		

We require only ONE DOCUMENT from each godparent : **a certificate to be a godparent from your parish pastor**