

BAPTISM COVENANT FOR PARENT(S) (Signed Covenant must be provided prior to baptism)

Parents are to form their children in the faith and in the practice of Christian living by seeing to a Christian education of their children. A parent is encouraged to seek a godparent they believe will be a role model to their child as a Catholic Christian and a “companion” to the child on their life long journey of faith.

CHURCH LAW requires that a candidate for Baptism – for membership in the Church community – should be sponsored by a baptized and confirmed member to the Catholic Church who is willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic Faith. There must be at least one sponsor or godparent. In the case where there are two sponsors, one must be male and the other female. The maximum number of sponsors is two. One sponsor must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic. A baptized Christian non-Catholic may not be a sponsor, but may act as a witness. Non-baptized persons may not officially act as a sponsor or a witness to a Baptism of a child in the Catholic Faith.

Requirements:

Canon 226 – Parents have a most serious obligation to educate their children, therefore Christian parents are to care for the Christian education of their children according to the teachings handed by the Church.

Canon 851 – Parents of an infant who is to be baptized and the sponsor are to be properly instructed in the meaning of the sacrament and the obligations attached to it.

Canon 868 - There is a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion.

Parents are required to attend a parent preparation class. If a class was attended at another parish within the past three years, please present a letter of completion from the parish where the class was held attached to this signed covenant.

Access to on-line internet sessions is as follows: Go to website FORMED.ORG, and sign up as a parishioner. At the create new account page. enter St. Elizabeth, Port Neches, TX, then create your account with your name & e-mail address. Search, “BAPTISM.” SELECT “REBORN.”

PARENTS, VIEW EPISODES 1 thru 4, titled, Reborn-Episode 1: A New Creation; Reborn-Episode 2: Entering the Mystery; Reborn-Episode 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace, and Reborn-The Mission to Love: 7 Keys to Catholic Parenting

I understand the requirements of Baptism, and I state that I received the:

Sacrament of Baptism: _____
Name of Catholic Church, City & State

Sacrament of Confirmation: _____
Name of Catholic Church, City & State

(And if married) celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage at:**

Name of Catholic Church, City & State

My child’s name is: _____

I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

If the St. Elizabeth baptism class is not attended, I affirm that I have attended a preparation class within the past 5 years. Attach letter from the parish where class was attended to this signed Covenant.

Name (Please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____