

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

(INFANTS TO 12 YEARS)



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INFANT AND CHILDREN'S BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

INFANT/CHILD'S INFORMATION

CHILD'S FULL NAME: _____

CHILD'S AGE: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

HOSPITAL BORN: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

PARENTS' INFORMATION

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

CIRCLE LEGAL MARITAL STATUS:

MARRIED

SINGLE

SEPARTED

DIVORCED

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER OF ST. JOHN: _____

NON-MEMBER: ____ RELATED TO: (NAME OF MEMBER) _____

DATE OF BAPTISMAL: _____

Signature of Mother

Signature of Father

Date: _____

This is just the Celebration of Baptism for you to look over.

SECTION IV.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Let every adult person and parents of every child to be baptized have their choice of either of the three modes of baptism, immersion, sprinkling, or pouring. But in no case shall our ministers re-baptize any person. Any who knowingly violate this prohibition, shall be subject to suspension or location as the Annual Conference may judge.

A. The Order for Baptism of Infants

The minister, coming to the font, which is to be filled with pure water, shall use the following or some other suitable exhortation:

Dearly beloved, for as much as all persons are conceived and born in sin, and that our Savior Christ says none can enter into the kingdom of God except they be regenerated and born anew of water and of the Holy Spirit, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to this child that thing which by nature he or she cannot have; that he or she may be baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, and be received into Christ's Holy Church, and be made a lively member of the same.

Then shall the minister say:

Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, who of your great mercy did save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also did safely lead the children of Israel, your people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby your holy baptism; and by the baptism of your well beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river of Jordan, did sanctify him and sanctify water for his holy sacrament, we beseech you of your infinite mercies that thou would look upon this child; wash him or her with the Holy Spirit, that he or she being received into the ark of Christ's Church and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world that finally he or she may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with you, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in this child may be buried, that the new man or woman may be raised in him or her. Amen.

Grant that he or she may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh, Amen.

Grant that whosoever is dedicated to you by our office and ministry may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through your mercy. O blessed Lord God, who lives and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

Almighty, Everlasting God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, regard, we beseech you, the supplications of your congregation.

Sanctify this water for this holy sacrament and grant that this child, now to be baptized, may receive the fullness of your grace, and ever remain in the number of your faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister address the Parents or Guardians in this wise:

Dearly beloved, for as much as this child is now presented by you for Christian baptism, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that he or she be taught as soon as he or she shall be able to learn, the nature and end of this holy sacrament. And that he or she may know these things the better, you shall call upon him or her to give regular attendance upon the appointed means of grace, such as the ministry of the Word and the public and private worship of God; and further, you shall provide that he or she shall read the Holy Scriptures and learn the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his or her soul's health, in order that he or she may be brought up to lead a virtuous and holy life, remembering always that baptism does represent to us that inward purity which disposes us to follow the example of our Savior Christ; that as He died and rose again for us, so should we who are baptized die unto sin and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness.

Do you, therefore, solemnly engaging to fulfill these duties, so far as it lies in your power, the Lord being your helper?

Answer: We do.

Then shall the people stand up, and the minister shall say:

Hear the words of the Gospel written by St. Mark in the tenth chapter and the thirteenth through the sixteenth verses:

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And He took them up in His arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Then the minister shall take the child into his hands and say to the parents of the child:

Name This Child

And then naming the child after them, the minister shall sprinkle or pour water upon the child, or if desired, immerse the child in the water saying:

(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall be said: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. (Matthew 6: 9-13) For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then shall the minister conclude with an extemporaneous prayer.