

## **JORDAN CHRISTENING PROGRAM**

### **WELCOME TO FAMILIES FOR BAPTISMAL FORMATION**

Congratulations on the birth of your child! God has called you to the holy vocation of being a Catholic parent. We at Immaculate Conception Parish pledge our help in fulfilling your responsibilities as a Catholic parent.

Your child's Baptism is the beginning of a life long process of Christening (becoming Christ-like). As your child grows into adulthood, it will be your solemn task to raise them as good Catholic Christians. This program will help form you into the parents that your child needs you to be spiritually.

Here is how it will work:

#### **Step 1: Interview with one of the Priests:**

This is done by appointment. You are free to bring the baby if you want. We would love to meet the person we are honoring. Please remember to bring the baby's birth certificate since we need a copy of it for our files. It is required that both parents (unless you are a single parent) be present for the entire program.

#### **Step 2: Attendance at Sunday Eucharist:**

Many parents need to reconnect with the serious obligation that all Catholics have to attend Sunday Mass. Feel free to bring the baby.

#### **Step 3: Instructional Class:**

This class will highlight the theology of the Sacrament and the practical experience of a married couple to help you. While the baby is welcome, we find that parents can better appreciate and participate in the class if they can give their full attention to it.

Godparents are also requested to attend this class. If they cannot be there because of distance, they may attend a Baptismal Training Class in their parish and submit a letter to us stating that they have attended the class.

**Step 4: The Baptismal Ceremony:**

This Baptism will take place in the Main Church. This is the most important day in the life of your child: the day he or she becomes a child of God and enters the Church of Christ. Please arrive 15 minutes before the ceremony and sit in the special section marked out for you.

While picture taking is allowed, we ask that it be done by others rather than the parents or Godparents.

The donation to the parish will be collected at the ceremony. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Step 5: Presentation of the Child to the Community at the 10:30 a.m.**

**Mass:**

Please sit in the designated area. We strongly suggest that the child be clothed in their white baptismal garments. When your name is called, proceed to the sanctuary so that you can receive a special blessing and the recognition by the same community with whom you journeyed during the month of preparation.

**Step 6: Live the life you promised to live for the benefit of your child:**

We are very happy to have been a part of your child's first steps in the Catholic faith. During the next few months we will be in touch with you to see how you are doing and invite you to take an active part in our parish family. At a special celebration later in the year, you will come together with other families to receive the baptismal certificate attesting to your child's status as a baptized Christian and a member of the Catholic Church!

Rev. Monsignor Fernando Ferrarese  
and the Pastoral Staff of Immaculate Conception Parish

EVENT	DATE	TIME
CLASS: (School)		
BAPTISM: (Church)		
PRESENTATION: (Church)		

**BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**

ENGLISH  
SPANISH  
ITALIAN

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Were parents married by a Catholic Priest? \_\_\_\_\_

Did parents attend preparation class? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Did godparent's attend preparation class? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Is either godparent represented by proxy? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the child privately baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the child adopted? \_\_\_\_\_

Birth certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PRIEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. – Parents and godparents who attended classes in another parish should present/submit a letter of attendance before the first class.