

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
11 MOHNS AVENUE, PETAWAWA, ONTARIO K8H 2B5

BAPTISMAL APPLICATION

You must fill out this form before the actual baptism and preparation. Please fill out this form legibly and accurately because all of the information will go on your child's permanent church records. It is vital for you to read the paragraph in bold print.

Child's last name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

A copy of the birth or hospital certificate must be given to Our Lady of Sorrows before the child can be baptized.

Address _____ Home phone _____
(With postal code)

_____ Work phone (His) _____ (Hers) _____

Father's religion _____ Mother's _____

Father's Last name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mother's Last name _____ **Maiden** name _____ - _____

First name _____ Middle name _____

Church, location, and date of marriage of child's parents _____

Has the child already been baptized privately as in the case of an emergency? Yes No Is the child adopted? Yes No

Sponsor/ witness's name (male) _____ Sponsor/ witness's name (female) _____

Church, location, and date of marriage: Sponsor/ witness (male) _____
(If applicable)

Sponsor/ witness (female) _____

In the case that a sponsor cannot attend, a proxy (stand-in) may be used. Proxy's name _____

Church Law requires that a candidate for Baptism - that is, for membership in the Church - be given a sponsor or sponsors who are willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic faith. According to Canon Law, those designated as sponsors must have received the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and must also "be members of the Catholic Church and be canonically free to carry out this office' (RCIA #10). Some impediments to carrying out such a responsibility include such things as living in a marriage which is not recognized by the Church, being in an irregular living arrangement, not attending Sunday Mass, or being a part of other such situations which could be considered as scandalous. Furthermore, one must be at least 16 years old to serve as a sponsor. In the case where there are two sponsors (the maximum number is two), one must be male and the other female. A baptized non-Catholic Christian 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 the Baptism of a person in the Catholic faith.

Today's date _____ Name of person filling out this form _____

Note: (Parents and godparents are required to fulfill the parish program concerning the preparation for Baptism either in this Parish or in their Home Parish.)