



## Baptism Preparation Process Checklist

- Registration.** Families wanting to baptize their child begin the process by filling out a simple registration form. This form is submitted to the Director of Family Faith Formation who will then contact the family within a week of receiving this form.
- Initial Interview.** The Director of Family Faith Formation will contact the parents to follow up on their registration form, ask a few brief questions and get to know them!
- Select Godparents.** With guidance from the Director of Family Faith Formation, each family will select their Godparents and invite them to attend the 3 preparation sessions. Godparents are not required to attend, but it is strongly encouraged if they can make it!
- Mentor Assignment.** The Director of Family Faith Formation assigns each family a Baptism Mentor. The role of the Baptism Mentor is to demonstrate hospitality, build a relationship and act as an example of a family living out the Sacrament of Baptism. The Baptism Mentor will contact the family to help them schedule 3 sessions:
  - Session 1: A New Creation.** This session takes place at the Baptism Mentor's home or at the parish, and is scheduled by the Baptism Mentor on a date/time that works for both families. Explore the significance of Baptism through a video and small group discussion.
  - Session 2: Entering the Mystery, The Rite Explained.** This session takes place with one of the priests, at the parish, either before or after Mass. The family will choose one of several pre-scheduled sessions. This session is optional for Baptism Mentors. During this meeting, the families will walk through the signs, symbols and words of the Rite of Baptism through a brief video, a tour of the Church and a special teaching from Father.
  - Session 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace.** This session takes place at the Baptism Mentor's home, or at the parish, and is scheduled by the Baptism Mentor on a day/time that works for both families. Together, they learn how their own baptism commissions them to share in Christ's work as Priest, Prophet and King!
- Schedule the Baptism.** Once your three sessions are scheduled, the Director of Family Faith Formation will work with the family to select their baptism during one of the weekend Masses!
- Celebrate!** Families will receive a Baptismal Certificate as well a special note from their Baptism Mentor as they begin their journey as Christian parents.