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WELCOME to Christ Cathedral Parish.

We are delighted that you are considering having your child baptized here at the cathedral.

HOLY BAPTISM is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (Roman Catechism II)

INFANTS up to six years of age are welcome to our group ceremonies. If the child is seven years of age or older, we invite you to contact our faith formation department to register your child in an initiation program for children. Parents of the child being baptized are to bring the following items to the office:

- ◆ County issued birth certificate of the child to be baptized.
- ◆ Hospital issued birth certificate accepted only if child is 3 months or younger.
- ◆ Complete the baptismal registration form (provided by office staff). Names of godparents will be needed at the time of completing the form.
- ◆ The suggested donation of \$40 is due at the time of registration and becomes non-refundable 30 days prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms at Christ Cathedral are communal:

- ◆ Ceremonies are held in a group of up to 10 children. Groups usually do fill up, please plan at least 3 months in advance.
- ◆ Ceremonies generally take place at noon in the Large Gallery. Time and location are subject to change.

- ◆ Ceremonies in English take place on the 4th Saturday of each month.
- ◆ Ceremonies in Vietnamese take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
- ◆ Ceremonies in Spanish take place on the 1st, 3rd and 5th (when available) Saturdays of each month.
- ◆ Baptisms are celebrated by our deacons.
- ◆ Parents, godparents and Christian witnesses are required to attend one preparation class prior to the scheduled baptism. If the class date assigned by Christ Cathedral Parish does not work for you, you are welcome to find a class at another parish and provide us with the certificate of completion no later than the week of the Baptism.

The cost to participate in a group baptism is \$50 per family.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about Baptisms:

Q: Who can be a godparent?

A: There needs to be at least one godparent who has been baptized, confirmed, and, if married, married in the Catholic Church. If one godparent is not Catholic, they may serve as a Christian witness to the Baptism along with a Catholic godparent. Godparents must be 18 years or older.

Q: Do parents need to be married in the Catholic Church?

A: No, the parents of a child to be baptized do not need to be married.