

REQUEST FORM FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 18)

WITH DECLARATION OF PRIVACY

Diocese:

Deanery:

Pastoral unit:

Parish:

Town/city:

Municipal district or community:

DETAILED INFORMATION

1. This form is part of the preparation leading to a sacrament of initiation.
2. At the same time this form also contains a declaration of privacy.
3. The form is to be kept in the parish.
4. Those who carry responsibility in the pastorate sometimes encounter the question of baptising a child in a newly composed family or a child the parents of whom are divorced. It can occur that they feel a tension about the approval of the baptism with one of the natural parents. Can they continue with baptising the child in this situation?

The Catholic Church also has to take into account the rules of civil law when it comes to parents and the question of parental authority. In Belgium, both natural parents together have the parental authority over a minor, even if they are not married and even if they don't live together anymore. When it comes to fundamental decisions on education, examples of which are religious or philosophical choices, both parents must give their consent. Those who carry responsibility in the pastorate can normally assume that both parents indeed agree, even if only one natural parent requests a sacrament for his or her child. During the pastoral talks on the way to baptism they shall inquire with regard to the consent of the absent parent, but they do not have to start an investigation.

If, however, those who carry responsibility in the pastorate notice signs that there is a disagreement between the parents with regard to the request, the sacrament of baptism cannot take place. They will have to invite the parents to come to an agreement. If conflict should remain, the sacrament of baptism will be postponed, together with the other sacraments of initiation.

I. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CHILD

Surname.....

Name

Place of birth.....

Date of birth.....

Address (street and number).....

Postal code and town/city.....

II. FURTHER INQUIRIES

FOR THE REQUEST OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Canon 873 of Code of Canon Law:

There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Canon 874 of Code of Canon Law:

§1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1 be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;*
- 2 have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;*
- 3 be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*
- 4 not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
- 5 not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. §2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*

Date of baptism

Place of baptism.....

Surname and name of male sponsor.....

and/or Surname and name of female sponsor.....

FOR THE REQUEST OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Your child was baptised in the parish of.....

in on.....

Date of first communion.....

Place of first communion.....

FOR THE REQUEST OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Your child was baptised in the parish of.....

inon.....

Date of confirmation.....

Place of confirmation.....

III. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE PARENTAL AUTHORITY

1.

Surname.....

Name.....

Address (Street and number).....

Postal code and town/city.....

Telephone number.....

E-mail.....

Relationship to child (father, mother,)

2.

Surname.....

Name.....

Address (Street and number).....

Postal code and town/city.....

Telephone number.....

E-mail.....

Relationship to child (father, mother,)

IV. PERMISSION AND DECLARATION OF PRIVACY TO BE SIGNED BY THE PERSONS WHO HAVE PARENTAL AUTHORITY

According to the privacy act of 8 december 1992 (BS 13 maart 1993) every person must be asked for his/her permission to use his/her personal information in a file or database.

The parish commits itself not to give this information to third parties.

Every person has the right to look into these files and to have them changed at all times.

I, who sign this form, declare that I have the parental authority over

name of child.....

My personal information and also information about my child can be used in files or databases in order to make it possible that my child receives the sacrament of baptism or first communion or confirmation.

I agree

I agree with the fact that the name of my child will be published in parish publications, the parish newspaper, 'Kerk & Leven' or parish websites in relation to his/her baptism, first communion or confirmation.

I agree / I disagree

I give my permission to make photographs and video footage and to make use of them in parish publications, the parish newspaper, 'Kerk&Leven' or parish websites in relation to my child's baptism, first communion or confirmation.

I agree / I disagree

I give my permission to receive pastoral information.

I agree / I disagree

Signed in (place).....on (date).....

Signature (after the hand-written words 'read and approved')

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You may ask to be given a copy of this declaration form..