What is Required to Present a Child for Baptism

(a) One parent must be a baptized Roman (Latin) Catholic and must provide a record of Catholic baptism. If the Catholic parent does not have a record of baptism the parent should contact their church of baptism and request one. Please allow sufficient time for this to be prepared.

(b) Parents seeking baptism at St. Paul the Apostle must be registered and practicing members of our parish community, residing within our parish boundaries. Parish Registration is done via the office.

(c) There are exceptions for those residing outside of the boundaries to have baptism at this parish and the final decision to approve this lies with the Pastor. If the parents reside outside of the parish boundaries of St. Paul the Apostle, they MUST secure a *Pastoral Letter of Permission* from the parish in which they reside, provide a valid reason for seeking baptism here and have Pastor approval for the sacrament. Preference for baptism dates will be given to families practicing and living within the boundaries.

(d) Parents must attend the parish-based Baptism Preparation meetings prior to baptism.

(e) Submitted baptism registration forms must be completed in FULL. Incomplete forms will not be considered or processed. No baptism date will be issued without a fully completed registration and/or required documentation. Missing information or documentation will delay the booking process.