

TO: PARENTS FOR INFANT BAPTISM

RE: **BAPTISMAL PREPARATORY CLASS AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

1. Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children must be previously registered members of Saint Henry Church. Parents from other parishes and those not registered in this parish will make appointments to meet with the pastor.
2. It is required that parents and Godparents of children to be baptized should attend a preparatory class. A class is given at St. Henry Church on the third Sunday of the month, inside the Church following the 11:30 AM Mass. To attend the class, parents are to register for it in the parish office weeks in advance. If the class is to be shifted to another Sunday, parents who registered for it will be duly notified. If the Godparents are not here, they should attend the class in their parish.
3. It is required also that Godparents of children to be baptized should obtain sponsor certificates from their parish Church unless they are registered members of St. Henry Church. Acceptable sponsor certificates testify that the proposed Godparents are practicing Catholics in the parishes issuing the certificates. In addition they need to obtain confirmatory notes showing that they attended a preparatory class. The certificates and notes must reach our parish office at least a week before the date for the baptism.
4. Infant Baptism takes place in the Church on the first Sunday of the month immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass. If for a serious reason the date or the time is to be shifted, parents who registered for the Baptism will be duly informed in advance.
5. The Church places order and purchases White Baptismal Garments and Baptismal Candles to be given to the children at their Baptism.
6. Rather than charge fees, the Church accepts donations from parents, Godparents and supporters towards paying for cleaning the Church, electric bills, etc. Suggested donations start from \$50 or according as their means allow.