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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child and the decision to have your child baptized!

Baptism is a great moment in the life of a family and the Church Community, but greater yet in the spiritual life of the one baptized. It is by this Sacrament that one is admitted into God's family. The child becomes a member of "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people God calls his own."

However, before we can set a date for the Baptism, there are some procedures listed below that need to be observed:

1. Your family must be registered in the parish.
2. The enclosed form must be completed in full and returned to the Parish Center as soon as possible. **Once the form is received and reviewed you will be notified of the next pre-baptismal class.**
3. Godparents or sponsors must be selected before the ceremony and their names must be entered on the form with appropriate information.

Regarding Godparents:

- a. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic over the age of 16 years and have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. (Requirement of Canon Law).
 - b. The Godparents cannot be the mother or father of the child being baptized.
 - c. A baptized non-Catholic may act as a Christian Witness to the Baptism.
 - d. Just as the parents, the Godparents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Godparents who do not live in the immediate area, may attend a class at their own or neighboring Parish. In this case they must furnish a letter or certificate verifying their class attendance.
4. If you or the Godparents have attended the class within the past two years you may be excused from attending again. Verification of past attendance will assure being excused. This requirement is for both the parents and Godparents.

Father James P. Dunning
Pastor