

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas  
Belmont, Ca. 94002  
593-6157

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy with you at the birth of your child. We welcome your new child. In arranging for your child's Baptism, you should know the following:

You have been invited to an interview to complete the application for your child's baptism and to take care of any other matters that may pertain to your preparation for this event. A booklet will be given you, please read it to prepare for the catechesis (instruction class for parents).

**The catechesis is regularly held at 10am on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the school library. It will be necessary for the parents (and if possible the godparents) to attend this class of instruction before the Baptism.** Please be on time as a courtesy to the others attending. Parking is available immediately behind the school near the bike rack.

**The principal godparents may attend the catechesis.** If they live at a distance from here (another city or state), they may attend a class in their own parish. (The godparents must be confirmed and practicing Catholics since they represent the Catholic Church community.)

A *donation envelope* is also provided for an **Offering** to the Church at the time of the Baptism. The Donation is a free-will offering, there is no stipulated amount (\$50-200 is usual in this diocese).

**Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:15pm or at a Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.** Your child's baptism should be scheduled at least one month before the desired date. *(Please note: There are usually no Baptisms during the Lenten Season.)*

You ask, on behalf of your child, to share in the life of the Catholic Christian Community that worships at IHM Church. At this Baptism, you say "yes", for your child, to God's invitation to belong to the family of Christ's Church. We, as members of that family, will also be saying "yes" to the acceptance of a new member into our communal life. May this be a joyful celebration of new birth through water and the Holy Spirit for your child and for you

# BAPTISMAL APPLICATION

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City Country

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Religion

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Maiden Religion

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code + Area Code +

Godfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirmed and practicing Catholic?  Yes  No

Godmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirmed and practicing Catholic?  Yes  No

Parents married in Catholic Ceremony  Yes  No  
If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
Church City Country

Parents married civilly  Yes  No  
If yes, reason? \_\_\_\_\_

Was child privately baptized due to an emergency?  Yes  No

Are you registered in this parish?  Yes  No  
(If not, you should register in the rectory)

Other Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note only the principal godparents are listed in the Register)

Desired Date/Time for Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
(Generally on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:15 PM)

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