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- OFFICE USE ONLY -	
Presiding Priest: _____	Date of Baptism: _____
Recorded in Church Registry: _____	Parents attended Baptism Class: _____
Preparation Completed: _____	Godparents attended Baptism Class: _____

**Please print all information clearly**

***All information is confidential and recorded in St. William Parish Registry***

Please complete this form *legibly* (**print**) and *accurately* before the actual baptism because all of the information will go on your child's permanent church records. It is vital for you to read the paragraph in bold **print**.

Baptism Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Street Number) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

*(A copy of child's birth certificate must accompany Registration Form)*

Gender of Child: M (  ) F (  )

Father's Full Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As stated on Child's Birth Certificate)*

Religion of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Father Confirmed? Yes (  ) No (  )

Mother's Full Name: **Maiden** (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As stated on Child's Birth Certificate)*

Religion of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Confirmed? Yes (  ) No (  )

Are you (Parents) registered members of St. William? Yes (  ) No (  )

***If you are not a member of St. William, permission is required from your Parish.***

Was the child adopted? Yes (  ) No (  ) If so, legal documentation is needed.

**Marriage Information of Parents**

***Marital Status of Parents*** (married, single or divorced) \_\_\_\_\_ ***Catholic Church Marriage: Yes (  ) No (  )***

***If yes, please provide name of Church, City and State:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***If single or divorced, please attach legal documentation verifying guardianship.***

**Godparent Information**

**The Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents: (canon 874.1)**

- The godparents are to be chosen by the parents or guardians.
- They are to be at least sixteen years of age.
- They must be Catholics who have already been Baptized, Confirmed and have received the Holy Eucharist.
- They should be leading a life in harmony with the faith, practicing Catholics (attending Mass), if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage, etc.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- You may choose one or two godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
- The godparents must have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.
- **\*\*Non-Catholic Witness (Can.874.2)** A **baptized** person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.

*The Catholic Church requires that a candidate for Baptism (that is, for membership in the Church) be given a godparent(s) who is(are) willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic faith. According to Canon Law, those designated as godparents must have received the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and must also "...be members of the Catholic Church and be canonically free to carry out this office". Some impediments to carrying out such a responsibility include such things as living in a marriage which is not recognized as valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church, being in an irregular living arrangement, not attending Sunday Mass, or being a part of such situations, which could be considered scandalous. Furthermore, one must be at least 16 years old to serve as a sponsor. In the case where there are two sponsors, one must be male and the other female. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a sponsor but may act as a witness. Non-baptized persons may not serve in the role of godparents or witness in the Baptism of a person in the Catholic faith.*

**Male Godparent** (full legal name): \_\_\_\_\_ Member of St. William: Yes ( ) No ( )  
 If 'No', Where? \_\_\_\_\_

(A Certificate of Eligibility is required from Godparent's Parish)

Is Male Godparent in a valid Catholic Marriage; married in the Catholic Church? Yes ( ) No ( )

**Female Godparent** (full legal name): \_\_\_\_\_ Member of St. William: Yes ( ) No ( )  
 If 'No', Where? \_\_\_\_\_

(A Certificate of Eligibility is required from Godparent's Parish)

Is Female Godparent in a valid Catholic Marriage; married in the Catholic Church? Yes ( ) No ( )

**Christian Witnesses**

Will either Godparent be represented by a Proxy(ies)? Yes ( ) No ( )

Name of Christian Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized in \_\_\_\_\_ Faith.

Name of Church, City, and State in which the Christian Witness practices: \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism Class Preparation**

(Parents and Godparents/Sponsors are required to fulfill the parish program concerning the preparation for Baptism)

Have Parents attended a baptismal preparation class? Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have Godparents attended a baptismal preparation class? Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, Where? \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that all information provided on this form, is true and correct; and I hereby give permission for the baptism of the above-named child in the Catholic Church.

Signature of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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