



5205 Upland Road Camarillo, California 93012

Requirements for Baptism of Children

The parents and godparents of the baby must attend a **Baptism Preparation Class** within two years prior to the Baptism date. Padre Serra ordinarily offers these classes on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm via Zoom. To sign up for a class, email the names, email addresses and phone numbers of the parents and godparents to srlana@padreserra.org

You should contact the Parish Office when you are ready to schedule a baptism date **after** you've returned a completed Pre-Baptism Information Form (available from the Parish Office) **and** attended the Baptism class.

A week or two prior to your baptism date you will need to meet with one of our Baptism Teams.

Godparent requirements (one male and one female) – Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and **ONE must be a practicing, fully initiated Catholic, which means he/she has been baptized, has received First Communion, and has been Confirmed in the Catholic faith.** Godparents can take the Baptism class at Padre Serra or at their own parish and submit a certificate verifying their class attendance.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Pre-Baptism Information Form** – Request this from the Parish Office.
2. You will need to provide us with a copy of the **baby's official birth certificate** or the final adoption degree.
3. One of the godparents must provide us with a copy of his/her **Confirmation certificate**.
4. If you do not live within our parish boundaries and are not formally registered and participating members of Padre Serra, you will need to provide a **letter of permission** from the church where you are registered or from the church within whose boundaries you live. Even if you are not formally registered at a particular parish, you belong to one by virtue of your address, and the church office of that parish can provide you with this letter or form allowing the Baptism to take place at Padre Serra.

Once a child is 7 years old, you will need to contact Jennifer Gutierrez to begin the preparation for Baptism. You can reach Jennifer at (805) 482-6417 x246.

The suggested Baptism Donation on the day of the Baptism is \$100 per child.

If you have any questions or would like to begin the Baptism process, please call Sister Lana at the parish office (805) 482-6417, or email srlana@padreserra.org