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Baptism Preparation – Meeting with Pastor Parents' Discernment on Readiness¹

From the Rite of Baptism: Reception of the Child

Celebrant: *What do you ask of God's Church for your child?*

Parents: *Baptism.*

Celebrant: *You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?*

Parents: *We do.*

- *Do we have a well-founded belief of intention and capacity to raise our child in the Catholic faith?*

- *Do we accept of the Teachings of the Catholic Church as summarized in the Creed?*

- *Do we regularly participate in the worship of the Church, especially faithful and weekly attendance at Sunday Mass?*

Where we currently are: _____

Where we want to be: _____

¹ Based on the Policies for the Administration of the Sacraments, in effect November 30, 2014.

- *Do we have a personal and family prayer life?*

Where we currently are: _____

Where we want to be: _____

- *Do we live the Gospel in concrete ways, manifested in our concern to show charity to others, particularly those in need?*

Where we currently are: _____

Where we want to be: _____

- *Do we live a life-style that is influenced by our personal belief in the Lord Jesus, and a commitment to the way of life to which He invites us?*

Where we currently are: _____

Where we want to be: _____

Father's Name and Signature

Mother's Name and Signature

Pastor

Date