

**Baptismal Covenant Between Parents of a Child to be Baptized & the Parish**

We, the parent(s) of the child who is to be baptized at St. John Vianney Parish, agree to adhere to the following stipulations as part of our family’s commitment to prepare for the baptism of our child.

Parents’ Responsibilities

- 1) Parent(s) agree to attend all of the baptismal preparation sessions.
- 2) The ***first precept of the Church*** is to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (CCC 2042)
  - a) It’s expected that currently registered parents are attending Sunday Mass regularly and it is highly recommended that they use the ***donation envelopes*** provided by ***St. John Vianney Parish***.
  - b) ***If you are NOT already a registered member of St. John Vianney Parish***, you should come to the church office and register. Even the priest is registered in the parish, you should be too.
- \*3) **Documentation Necessary**: Parents are REQUIRED to submit “**a Photocopy of the Child’s Birth Certificate**.” If you are not the parent, you must show proof to be the “legal guardian of the child” requested to be baptized.
- \*4) Upon completing all requirements, the parents will be given a **Certificate of completion**.

**→\* YOU MUST BRING THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO THE BAPTISM \*←**

Godparent Eligibility includes:

- 1) Godparents must be ready to commit to the time and personal care necessary to nurture and support the newly baptized child. **To be a Godparent, you must be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Faith and in good standing with the Church** (i.e. baptized, confirmed, and receiving the Eucharist). If someone is not, they can only be a witness, and will **not be listed** on the Baptismal Certificate.
- 2) Only ONE Godparent is necessary. But, when there are TWO, one must be male and the other female.
- 3) Godparents must be at least 16 years old, not the father or mother of the child, and designated by the parent(s) of the child to serve as a godparent.
- 4) If the godparent is a parishioner of St. John Vianney Parish, he/she are asked to attend the baptismal preparation classes at St. John Vianney with the parents.

\*5) **Godparent Documentation**

- a) If a person who wants to serve as a godparent is married, they must show proof of being married in the Roman Catholic faith. A Photocopy of the **Marriage Certificate** from the Roman Catholic Church where the marriage took place is required.
- b) If the Godparent is not a member of St. John Vianney Parish, they need to provide a “**Letter of Permission to be a Godparent**” from their home parish with a parish seal.
- c) If a godparent is single, they need to provide **Documentation affirming** that they have received all of the **Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)**. This could include photocopies of the baptismal, 1<sup>st</sup> communion, confirmation certificates.

**BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE OFFICE OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

**539 La Pasada Blvd., Goodyear, AZ**

**During regular office hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon-Fri**

- ONE SIGNED COPY OF THIS COVENANT AGREEMENT**  
(keep another copy for yourself for information purposes)
- COMPLETED APPLICATION**
- ALL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY** (Those marked by “\*” above)

ALL THIS IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ATTENDING BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION CLASSES

For further information, call (623) 932-3313, ext. 101, Emma Esquivel, Receptionist

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_