

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



ST. RITA PARISH PARTICIPATES IN A REGIONAL BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROCESS WITH OUR SISTER PARISHES, ST. PAUL AND PRECIOUS BLOOD. THE PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN A FRUITFUL FASHION. WE HIGHLY

ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM DURING THE TIME OF PREGNANCY IF POSSIBLE, THAT WAY THE BAPTISM CAN BE SCHEDULED ANYTIME AFTER THE CHILD'S BIRTH. WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN SEVEN ALMOST EVERY SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. FOR CHILDREN OLDER THAN SEVEN YEARS OF AGE CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

WHO: THE PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE ATTENDED BY EITHER A PARENT OR GOD PARENT OF THE CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED.

WHAT: THE PROGRAM IS HELD SIX TIMES A YEAR AND TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF HOURS. IT COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF THE CELEBRATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM. AT THE SAME TIME WE COLLECT REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

WHEN: THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED EVERY OTHER MONTH AND IS HOSTED AT TWO TIMES AT EACH OF THE THREE PARISHES. YOU ARE FREE TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM THAT BEST SUITES YOUR TIME SCHEDULE. WATCH THE PARISH BULLETIN FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS OR CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

**WHERE: JANUARY & JULY AT ST. RITA PARISH
MARCH & SEPTEMBER AT ST. PAUL PARISH
MAY & NOVEMBER AT PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH**

ONCE THE PREPARATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN COMPLETED YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

WE DO REQUIRE A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR OF PROSPECTIVE GOD PARENTS THAT STATES THEY ARE A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC IN GOOD STANDING, ACTIVELY PRACTICING THEIR FAITH.