

POLICY 2.2.2 Baptisms from Outside the Parish/Diocese

The Code of Canon Law stipulates that

- there be adequate preparation for the celebration of baptism (Canon 851),
- there be a well-founded belief that the child being baptised will be raised in the Catholic faith (Canon 868), and that
- the baptism take place in the rightful parish of the person being baptized (Canon 862).

When for good reason a family wishes to have their child baptized in a parish other than the parish where they are resident,

- their parish priest is to give written consent for the baptism to the parish priest of the parish where the baptism is to take place;
- the parish where they reside is to provide the required sacramental preparation, unless for a good reason preparation is provided otherwise, in which case the parish priest where the baptism will take place must be in agreement.
- the provisions of Policy 1.3 apply.

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