CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

REQUEST TO THE BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG FOR PERMISSION FOR BAPTISM OUTSIDE OF A PARISH CHURCH

This form is for use in conjunction with a Catholic baptism liturgy conducted by a Catholic priest or deacon

This request should be lodged BEFORE any planning is made for the baptism

The usual place for the celebration of baptism is a parish church *(cf. can. 857-860).*

Canon 857 §2 states, "As a rule and unless a just reason suggests otherwise, an adult is to be baptized in his or her proper parish church, and an infant in the proper parish church of the parents."

Exceptions to this general rule are allowed for 'a just reason', such as distance from the parish church, grave inconvenience in a particular case or even a well-founded pastoral reason.

*On this form, an "**adult**" is one who is no longer an infant and **has reached the age of reason** (can. 852 §1).*

FULL NAME OF PERSON TO BE BAPTISED	

SECTION A – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ADULT TO BE BAPTISED, *OR* BY THE PARENTS OF AN INFANT TO BE BAPTISED

Father of Infant	Name	
	(Adult's) Address	
	(Adult's) Phone and Email	
	Religion	☐ Catholic ☐ Other Christian ☐ Not Baptized
Mother of Infant	Name	
	Address	
	Phone and Email	
	Religion	☐ Catholic ☐ Other Christian ☐ Not Baptized
Baptism	Proposed Date	
	Proposed Place	
	Celebrant	

Reasons for Request:

Signed	**Adult / Father**		Date
	Mother		Date`

SECTION B – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIEST/DEACON CELEBRANT

I support this application for these pastoral reasons:

Details of the suitable instruction in preparation for baptism:

Other comments:

Parish/Place of Residence	Email

NAME	Signed	Date

SECTION C – to be completed by the Parish Priest of the person to be baptised

☐ I give permission for this person to be baptized as requested.

Other comments:

Parish Seal

NAME	Signed	Date

SECTION D – to be completed by the Parish Priest of Intended Place of Baptism

☐ I support this application for pastoral reasons.

☐ I do not support this application for the reasons given below.

☐ I have no objection to this application being approved.

Other comments:

Parish Seal

NAME	Signed	Date

This form is to be forwarded to the Chancery by the Celebrant or Parish Priest.

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