Dear Parents,

The community of The Basilica of Saint Mary joins me in extending congratulations to you and your family as you prepare for your child’s baptism. A new life brings wonder, joy and expectations into your family. The Basilica shares this joy as you bring your child into this community for baptism. In choosing baptism for your child, you, your child’s godparents and the community of The Basilica of Saint Mary welcome a new member into the Body of Christ. The celebration and sacrament are very real signs of Jesus in our world.

We believe that parents are the first and primary teachers of faith for their children. Parents introduce their children to Jesus, teach their children to pray, help them understand their faith tradition, guide them in making decisions in concert with a Catholic conscience, and experience their lives as children of God. Baptism for your child is an extremely exciting and important step in this process.

It is our understanding that you have attended a Baptism Preparation Class within the past three years. You are not required to attend again; however, attending can encourage you anew for the important responsibility ahead. A registration form for the baptism preparation class is enclosed should you, or the godparents, wish to attend.

Attached you also will find a baptism Mass registration form with upcoming dates. Please note that occasionally baptism Masses fill to capacity, so please register as soon as possible for a greater likelihood that your preferred date will be available. You are welcome to register prior to the birth of your child or prior to some details being finalized (such as selection of godparents) if you so choose. Please contact us with any missing details at least two weeks prior to the baptism Mass date. We do require a copy of the child’s birth certificate or final order of adoption prior to the baptism Mass.

Please submit your registration form via mail to the address on the bottom of the form, or email it to nemmers@mary.org. Do not consider the baptism Mass date secured until you receive a confirmation email. We will send that upon receipt of your form.

Nancy Keller
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"Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord. For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own." -Jeremiah 29:7