

To be completed by parents as below, if necessary

**Registration of the Name of the Father**

According to the code of Canon Law , *if the parents are unmarried, the name of the father is to be entered in the Baptismal Register if there is proof of paternity, either by some public document or by his own declaration before the Pastor, Priest, Deacon, who baptized the child, and two witnesses.* (Cf. c. 877)

**Proof by some public document:**

1. A copy of the registration of the live birth certificate received from the Department of Vital Statistics of the Province,

**OR**

2. A similar document from the Maternity Department of the Hospital where the child was born,

**OR**

3. The following form may be completed before the pastor (or Priest/Deacon who baptizes the child) and signed by two witnesses – one of which may be the Pastor or Priest/Deacon who baptizes.

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ claim to be the Father of

\_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Father

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed at

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To be retained in the Parish archives