



GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you are serving as a godparent for baptism, please pray about the responsibility you will fulfill in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please answer the following questions.

In accord with **Canon Law 874 & 893**, a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism **must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation**. They must be free from canonical penalties and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken.

Name of Child receiving sacrament: _____

Name of Godparent or Sponsor: _____

Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

1. A Godparent/Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Baptism: Yes ____ No ____ Date: _____ Church name: _____

First Eucharist: Yes ____ No ____ Date: _____ Church name: _____

Confirmed in the Catholic Church: Yes ____ No ____ Date: _____ Church name: _____

2. Are you 16 or older? Yes ____ No ____

A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Roman Catholic.

3. Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Yes ____ No ____

Do you follow the Ten Commandments? Yes ____ No ____

I am registered member of _____

4. Regarding the 6th Commandment, a Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

• If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church Date: _____ Church name: _____

• If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching. **NOT living with someone outside of marriage**

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? Yes ____ No ____

5. I have attended a baptism preparation class in the past four months at my home parish or the parish of baptism.

Yes ____ No ____ Date: _____

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a godparent in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed by the Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish of Record:

Signature of Pastor

Date

Parish Name Parish City/State

(Seal)