



Certificate of Eligibility

For Godparents/Sponsors

Today's Date: _____

Name (First and Last): _____

I. GODPARENT/SPONSOR AGREEMENT

_____ Please initial after reading the following paragraph:

I understand that as a godparent or sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, meaning, for example, that I regularly attend Mass; I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation; if married, I am married according to Church teaching; and I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church. I attest that I have received the sacrament of Confirmation and that I am at least 16 years old. I also understand that being a godparent or sponsor is a commitment of time. I will attend weekly sessions for catechesis, the celebrations of liturgical rites, and other initiation-related events to the best of my ability. I further understand that being chosen as a godparent or sponsor is a lifetime commitment to be, as I am able, a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life to the individual I am called to serve.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

III. SACRAMENTAL HISTORY

1. Place Where You Were Baptized: _____

include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**

2. Parish Where You Are Currently Registered: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Godparent/Sponsor for: _____ Date: _____

Completed Initial Sponsor Formation by Date: _____

If from Another Parish, Letter of Good Standing Received by Date: _____



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Role of a Godparent/Sponsor

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the candidate in the ways of Christ and His Church. The godparent/sponsor, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized/confirmed grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 872). Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex. (cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

Therefore, I _____

Desiring to assume the obligation of godparent/ sponsor for the Sacrament of:

Check all that apply: Godparent for Baptism Godparent for Confirmation

On behalf of: _____

do here declare that I understand the responsibilities of a godparent/sponsor and that I am willing by prayer and example to encourage and instruct her/him in living out the Catholic faith.

Furthermore:

- I have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I have attained the required minimum 16 years of age.
- I am not the parent of the person being baptized/confirmed.
- My manner of life is in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- (If married) My current marriage is canonically valid and recognized as such by the Catholic Church.

I hereby testify before God and Gods' minister to the truth of what is stated above.

Signature of Applicant

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This is to certify that _____		
Has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of:		
<i>Check all that apply:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Godparent for Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Godparent for Confirmation		
_____ Date	_____ Parish Seal	_____ Signature of the Pastor/ Parochial Vicar