

# Baptism/Confirmation: Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility

[Parish of Celebration]

Name of Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Street - Box #

\_\_\_\_\_ Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip

Hm or Wk or CL

Name of candidate for Baptism/Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parish for Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Parish for Godparent/Sponsor: (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLE of Godparent/Sponsor: Together with the parents he/she presents the child for the Sacrament(s) and helps the child to live a life befitting a baptized and/or confirmed Catholic Christian. (See Canon 874 in the Code of Canon Law)**

**Qualifications to be a Godparent/Sponsor:**

**1) Person must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments. When and where were these Sacraments celebrated:**

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Eucharist: Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Godparent/Sponsor must be 16 years of age or older.\*** Your birth date \_\_\_\_\_

*With just cause, special permission can be given for a sponsor/Godparent who is under 16.*

**3) Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the parent.** Your relationship to person: \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church, namely:**

a) If married, the person must be married in the Catholic Church (either married by Catholic clergy or with the permission of the Church married in a non-Catholic ceremony). Those who are married by justice of the peace or at another Christian church without special permission and those co-habiting (publicly living together without marriage) do not meet the requirements of this role. Anyone prevented from serving as a Godparent/Sponsor because of a marriage issue may discuss reconciling with the Church with a Catholic priest or deacon through a validation and/or annulment.

b) If single, the person must be living according to Church teaching.

c) All adults not prohibited from Communion, must fulfill the Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion during the Easter Season (Lent – Trinity Sunday in the United States)

**Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church?** \_\_\_\_\_ (yes/no)

**5) Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.** Do you regularly attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (yes/no)

**I declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor:**

**Signature of Godparent/Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Godparent/Sponsor Statement**

**I affirm** that in accepting the role as Godparent/Sponsor, I intend to be a role model example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be a support in the practice of our mutual Faith.

I affirm that I am myself baptized and confirmed and that I meet these fundamental obligations as a Catholic:

A) by participating in weekly Sunday Mass

B) by receiving Holy Communion as often as possible;  
at least during Easter time

C) by celebrating Penance (Confession/Reconciliation) regularly

D) by being open to the work of God as revealed in Scripture and  
taught by the Church

E) by witnessing to others the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

F) by seeking to be of service to others for the love of Christ Jesus

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Signed

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Date

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To be filled out by the Catholic Church Parish of the Godparent/Sponsor:

**Name of Parish** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Representative of the Parish)**

**Parish Seal**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION FORM:**

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Church attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Church attends \_\_\_\_\_

Registered in the Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Hm and/or CL

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation/place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupaton/place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Engaged

How long married: \_\_\_\_\_ years. Married by Catholic Priest/ Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_

How long living in our community? Father \_\_\_\_\_ years Mother \_\_\_\_\_ years

If child to be baptized is born, give NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE of BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*COPY of BIRTH CERTIFICATE on FILE: YES NO**

If child is not yet born, due date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of other children: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENDANCE: CLASS #1 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS #2 \_\_\_\_\_