



Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! 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 serve as a Godparent for baptism, you are encouraged to attend a preparation class at your parish before the scheduled baptism. Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents or the parish where the Sacrament(s) will occur.**

Name of child or adult receiving sacrament:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Godparent or Sponsor:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

cell number

email address

Name of your Catholic Parish:

Parish Name

City

State

Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

Per *Canon Law 874*, please provide the following information. **If you do not meet these requirements, please immediately inform the parents or candidate.**

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 Confirmed in the Catholic Church: ☐ yes ☐ no
First Eucharist: ☐ yes ☐ no
2. A Godparent /Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? ☐ yes ☐ no
3. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized. Are you a parent of the child? ☐ yes ☐ no
4. A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on the Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Do you follow the Ten Commandments?

☐ yes ☐ no

5. 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 and live according to Church teachings.
- If single, he/single must be living according to Church teaching.
- Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabitating do not meet the requirements of this role.

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? ☐ yes ☐ no

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

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

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee

Date

(SEAL)

Parish Name

Parish City/State