



Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Statement

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A godparent “assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A [godparent]/sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it” (*Code of Canon Law* 872).

TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT

I understand that the *Code of Canon Law* (CIC 874) defines the requirements for Godparents/Sponsors for the good of the person receiving the Sacrament. Therefore, I affirm before God the following:

- ☐ I am at least 16 years of age (Canon 874, 2).
- ☐ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (Canon 874, 3).
- ☐ I attend Mass faithfully every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation (Canon 874, 3).
- ☐ If married, I am validly married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church (Canon 874, 3).
- ☐ If I am single, I am not cohabiting with someone without the benefit of Marriage (Canon 874, 3).
- ☐ I receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year, as necessary (Canon 874, 3).
- ☐ I, to the best of my knowledge, have not incurred any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared by the Church (Canon 874, 4).
- ☐ I am *not* the father or mother of the one to be baptized (Canon 874, 5).

I, the undersigned, understand and meet the above requirements and accept all the responsibilities entailed in the sacred privilege of being a Godparent/Sponsor. I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.

My full name (printed) _____

My signature _____

My home address _____

Name and location of my Parish: _____

Name of person being baptized or confirmed: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONNEL AT GODPARENT'S PARISH

☐ I act as a witness of the truthfulness of the above testimony.

☐ I personally know this candidate for godparent/sponsor.

Please affix parish seal here

(Official Signature)

Please return this *completed* form to child's parents or directly to the Church of the Immaculate Conception.