

GODPARENT CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Child's Name _____

PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Canon 872, 873, and 874 of the code of Canon Law lists requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism:

- *The godparent's role is, together with the parent, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.*
- *Only one male and one female godparent is to be used.*

As a Godfather/Godmother:

- Yes No I am at least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
- Yes No I have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Yes No I know the fundamental truths of the Faith and am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of my family.
- Yes No I am a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. This indicates that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not married in a Catholic Church or the marriage preparation was not done by a priest or deacon), and those who are co-habiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.
- Yes No I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

Being a godparent is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. It implies a real appreciation of the Catholic faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the child and parents of the baptized.

I declare that I am a registered and participating member of the parish listed below and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a godparent. I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the parents of the child in their Christian duty to bring up their child in the Catholic faith and help their child lead a Christian life.

Godparent's name (please print) _____

Godparent's signature _____

Name of Godparent's Parish _____ **City/State** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GODPARENT'S PASTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

I certify that the above information is correct and that the person may serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of priest (or staff) _____ Date _____

Affix Parish Seal