



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY FORM

MEANING AND ROLE OF GODPARENT:

You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism. A Godparent is a person who assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the child's faith. The purpose is to ensure that the rich and beautiful faith of the Church is passed on to the child in the most loving and authentic way possible. In accepting this very important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please sign the statement of eligibility and have your parish sign and seal the bottom portion.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A GODPARENT:

- I have received the three Sacraments of initiation of the Roman Catholic Church:
 1. **Catholic Baptism**-Date and church where Baptized: _____
 2. **Catholic Holy Communion**-Date and church of First Communion: _____
 3. **Catholic Confirmation**-Date and church where Confirmed: _____
- I am at least sixteen years of age or older.
- If married, I have received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church (or Convalidation in the Catholic Church). If single, I am not living with someone outside of marriage
Date and church of marriage: _____
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic. I celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. I have given and intend to continue giving witness to my faith in Jesus Christ in word and deed and strive to live out my commitment to the Gospel message.
- I am a registered member of _____ since _____ and fulfill my obligations to the parish to the best of my ability.
- I promise to give support to _____ (candidate's name) by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life. Remember to take an interest in the gifts God has given to your candidate.

GODPARENT AGREEMENT:

I do hereby solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the requirements to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Godparent's name (please print): _____

Godparent's Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(This part is to be filled out by the church of the requesting Godparent.)

This certifies that the above named person is known to be me as a parishioner in good standing. I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Church of Godparent: _____

Church's Street: _____

Church's City, State, Zip: _____

Parish Seal

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____