



Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish
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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SPONSORS

Name of Candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation _____,
date of Sacrament _____ at the Church of _____ in _____.

PLEASE READ THE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor, popularly called a godparent, as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Baptized or Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.

The requirements to serve as a Catholic Sponsor per *The Code of Canon Law (Canons 872-874, 1983)* and *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)* are below:

I declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor, and I testify to the following:

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| Yes | No | I am a registered member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish for at least six months. I am a practicing Catholic and attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days and sees to the religious instruction of my family. |
| Yes | No | I am at least 16 years old. |
| Yes | No | I am a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. |
| Yes | No | I am married in the Catholic Church (if married) |
| Yes | No | I am a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. Meaning, Catholics in an invalid marriage (civil marriage only) and those that are living together without Catholic marriage cannot serve as a godparent/sponsor (are ineligible). |
| Yes | No | I am not the father or mother of the candidate. |

If you do not meet the requirements above, you may request to speak with the pastor of the parish.

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church. By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

Godparent/Sponsor Name (please print): _____

Godparent/Sponsor Signature: _____

Name of Pastor (please print): _____

Signature of Pastor: _____

Date: _____