

A Declaration for Godparents/Sponsors

Name of the child/person being baptized or confirmed: _____

Name of the godparent/sponsor: _____

According to Canon Law #874,

§1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor [godparent] a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized [or confirmed], by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

As a person who has been asked to be a godparent/sponsor, I affirm:

_____ I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

_____ I participate in Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion frequently.

_____ (If married), I was married in the Catholic Church.

_____ I strive to live my Catholic faith in a way that will be an example of Christian living to the person I have been invited to sponsor.

By my signature, I declare that what I have answered above is entirely true.

Name of sponsor/godparent

Date

Witnessed by

Date