

BAPTISM GODPARENT – CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

I, _____, have been asked to be a godparent/sponsor for _____ who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. I understand being chosen as Godparent for Baptism is a great honor that carries with it great responsibility.

I affirm that I am a practicing Catholic and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church. I am at least 16 years of age and am not the mother or father of the person to be baptized and/or confirmed.

I further affirm that I participate regularly in weekly Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Him in Holy Communion at least once a year as prescribed. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

I understand that Godparents must lead a life “in harmony with the faith;” thus, must be a registered member of a Catholic Church, attending Mass regularly, and, if married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.

I have completed a Baptismal Preparation course.

(If married): I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

- ☐ I was married by a priest or deacon.
☐ I was married by a minister with proper dispensation.
☐ I had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church.

(If single): I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church.

I hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all of the requirements and joyfully accept my role to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Name of Godparent: _____

Signature of Godparent: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARISH COMPLETE BELOW THIS LINE ----- This certifies that the above named person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing and that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Church of Godparent: _____

(parish seal)

Address: _____

Pastor's name: _____

Pastor's signature: _____ Date: _____