



Baptism Sponsor (Godparent) Letter Form

*Please read the following carefully, fill out, check boxes sign and return to your parish's office/rectory to certify.
Return completed form by mail or drop off to Parish Office at 4008 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, IL, 60513*

The Catholic Church requires that all those who assume the responsibilities and obligations of sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism practice their religion faithfully and are exemplary in their conduct as members of the Roman Catholic Church. The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Baptism (Canon 874). Consequently, letters of approbation will be issued only to persons able to make the following affirmations and agreements:

- At least 16 years old, Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith.
- An active Catholic: "An active catholic is one who attends Sundays and Holy Day masses regularly and participates in the Sacramental life of the Church".
- Cannot be a parent of the candidate.
- Married sponsors must be in a valid Catholic marriage.

I, _____, parishioner of _____
(Print your name) (Print the name of the Church where to attend to mass)

have been asked to be a Godparent for _____
(Print the name of the child being baptized)

- ☐ I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized. (Canon 874, 1, 2)
- ☐ I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation (Canon 874, 1, 3).
- ☐ I worship regularly at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by partaking in Holy Communion and by participating in the life of my parish.
- ☐ I actively strive to live out my commitment of Christ and to the church by the sacrificial giving of my time, talent, and treasure, and by my loving response to my neighbor.
- ☐ If married, I am married in the Catholic Church, according to the laws of the Church.
- ☐ I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming Sponsor/Godparent. I promise to give support and guide the person I am sponsoring by my prayers, and most especially, by my own Catholic example of my daily life.

I affirm that, by my signature, I am attesting to the truth of all these statements.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Statement of Parish Priest

I hereby testify that the person whose signature is above is a registered member and/or regularly attends mass at my parish.

Attested by Rev. _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

(Parish Seal)

Signature