



**ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Godparent Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this child's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents.**

Name of child receiving sacrament:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Godparent:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Name of Your Catholic Parish:

Parish Name

City

State

Qualifications of a Godparent

In accord with *Canon Law 874*, please provide the following information. **If you do not meet all of these requirements, please let the parents know immediately.**

1. A Godparent must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Baptism: ☐ Yes ☐ No Confirmed in the Catholic Church: ☐ Yes ☐ No First Eucharist: ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. A Godparent must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. A Godparent cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized. Are you a parent of the child? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Do you follow the Ten Commandments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Regarding the 6th Commandment, a Godparent must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
- If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching.
- Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements of this role.

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.

Godparent Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a godparent in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed by the Godparent's Parish of Record:

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee

Date

(Seal)

Parish Name

Parish City/State