



St. Michael's Catholic Parish Godparent Verification Form

Name of Child to be baptized (Please print): _____

Name of Godparent: _____

(If two Catholic Godparents are chosen, one of these sheets is required for each Godparent.)

Parents may choose Godparents (sponsors) for their children from among family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parents may choose a godfather and a godmother or just one Godparent. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of baptism but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that Godparent be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (canons 872-874):

- ☐ Yes 1. I am at least 16 years of age.
- ☐ Yes 2. I am a Catholic who has received **BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**.
- ☐ Yes 3. Do you attend Mass regularly on Saturdays/Sundays and receive the sacraments of the church?
- ☐ Yes 4. I lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
- ☐ Yes 5. IF MARRIED, YOU MUST BE MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Parents of the child to be baptized may not serve as godparents to their own child.

I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic parish named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a godparent for baptism. I also promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic faith and by helping the child to lead a Christian life.

Prospective Godparent's signature: _____ Date: _____

I am a member of _____

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I certify that (print) _____ has been interviewed concerning the above requirements and indicate that he/she is a Catholic in good standing and is qualified to serve as a godparent for the sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of Pastor/Delegate: _____ **Date:** _____

Parish Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

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