



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor. Kindly complete this form and return it to the parents of the child to be baptized/confirmed. The parents will submit the form to the parish in which the baptism/confirmation will be celebrated.

Full Name of child receiving Sacrament: _____

Full Name of Potential Godparent/Sponsor: _____

Name, city, and state of your Catholic Parish: _____

Questions Based on Required Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

Kindly answer the following questions which are formulated in conformity with the required qualifications for those serving in the role of Godparent/Sponsor, enumerated and contained in the *Code of Canon Law*, can. 874.

If you do not meet the requirements, please inform the parents.

Circle One

- 1) A Godparent/Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (kindly attach a certificate of baptism with notations). Have you been baptized? Y or N
- Have you been confirmed in the Catholic Church? Y or N
- Have you received First Eucharist? Y or N
- 2) A Godparent/Sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age. Are you sixteen years of age or older? Y or N¹

Permission for someone younger than sixteen to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor:

Signature of Pastor or Minister of Baptism of parish where baptism is to be held

Signature

Date

- 3) A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized/confirmed. Are you a parent of the child? Y or N
- 4) A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Do you attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, strive to live a life of virtue as reflected in the Ten Commandments and teachings of the Church? Y or N

¹ If the potential Godparent/Sponsor is younger than sixteen years of age, the pastor of the parish where the baptism is to take place or the minister of baptism may, for a just reason, make an exception and admit that person to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor (cf. CIC can. 874 §1, 2°).

- 5) If married, a Godparent/Sponsor must be married in the Catholic Church or have had their marriage regularized/recognized in the Church and strive to live married life in accord with the teachings of the Church. Catholics who were married civilly, or at another Christian church without a dispensation from the Catholic Church, and those cohabiting would not meet the requirements to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor at this time.

Do you meet these criteria?

Y or N

- 6) Kindly sign this form and present it to your current parish for signature of the pastor or his designee and return the form to the parents who will submit it to the parish of baptism for their pastor's signature.

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 serving in this role.

Potential Godparent/Sponsor Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed below by the pastor or his designee of the Godparent's/Sponsor's current parish.

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee

Date

Parish Seal

Parish Name/City/State

Visum

Signature of Pastor/Pastoral Leader of Parish
where the Baptism is celebrated

Date