



**Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Statement**

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is also a sacrament of initiation that strengthens and perfects our union with Christ and his Church. A godparent/sponsor represents the Catholic Church at Baptism or Confirmation, and then serves as a spiritual and life role model for the person by living a fully Christian life. Please note that godparents/sponsors should be at least 16 years of age and must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Their current lifestyle should be in accord with the Catholic faith. **A PARENT MAY NOT BE A SPONSOR for Confirmation.**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GODPARENT/SPONSOR:**

Please check all statements that apply:

My life bears witness to my readiness for this role because,

- I am a baptized and currently practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.
- I have received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- I am a registered member of my Parish.
- I attend Sunday Mass.
- I am open to the living Word of God in Sacred Scripture and the Church.
- I try to live my life according to Gospel values even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.
- I intend to encourage my godchild/confirmand in the practice of the Catholic faith by my word and my example.
- If married, I was married in the Catholic Church.

**OR**

- If unmarried, I'm not living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple.

**The statements I have checked above are true.**

My full name \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Name and address of my Parish \_\_\_\_\_

My home address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person being baptized or confirmed (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

Place AND date for sacrament reception: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR/PRIEST AT THE GODPARENT/SPONSOR PARISH**

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is:

- a Catholic in good standing.
- a registered member of this parish.

PARISH SEAL MUST BE PRESENT

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Pastor's Signature

Date

