

SPONSOR/GODPARENT CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Child's/Catechumen's/Candidate's Name: _____

PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Canon 872, 873, and 874 of the *Code of Canon Law* lists requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship of a child/catechumen/candidate:

- *The sponsor's/godparent's role is to present the child/catechumen/candidate for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a Catholic Christian.*
- **RCIA:** *The sponsor may be male or female but there may be only one sponsor.*
- **Baptism Only:** *The sponsor/godparent may be male or female or one of each.*

As a Sponsor:

Yes No I am at least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

Yes No I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Yes No I know the fundamental truths of the Faith and am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of my family.

Yes No I am a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. This indicates that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not married in a Catholic Church or the marriage preparation was not done by a priest or deacon), and those who are cohabiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.

Yes No I am not the father or mother of the one to receive a sacrament(s).

Being a sponsor/godparent is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. It implies a real appreciation of the Catholic faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the child/catechumen/candidate.

I declare that I am a registered and participating member of the parish listed below and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a sponsor. I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the child/ catechumen/candidate to live the Catholic faith and lead a Christian life.

Sponsor's Name: (please print) _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____ **City/State:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR'S/GODPARENT'S PASTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

I certify that the above information is correct and that the person may serve as a sponsor/godparent for reception into full communion of the Catholic Church and/or the sacraments.

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR (or Staff) _____ Date _____

(Affix Parish Seal)