



Godparent Eligibility Statement

Each Godparent must complete a separate form.

Deliver, mail or email this completed form to the parish office. (office@holynamedenver.org)
3290 West Milan Ave., Sheridan, CO 80110

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent. By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. Please complete a preparation class at your parish prior to the scheduled baptism, or you may complete the online course prescribed by Holy Name Parish. Please take this completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor, deacon or staff member. Once completed, please return it to the parents or email it as indicated above.

Child receiving Baptism: _____
First Middle Last

Your name: _____
First Middle Last

I am a member of _____ Catholic Parish in _____.
(Parish Name) (city/state)

The Church's Code of Canon Law sets the requirements to be a Godparent; **these may not be waived by a pastor or deacon.** Godparents must be mature, faithful, and practicing Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and who lead a life in conformance with the Catholic faith. (See Canons 872, 873, 874 and 893)

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class if they have not done so in the previous two years of the Baptism. Being a Godparent is not just an honor given to a relative or good friend; it implies a real appreciation of the Catholic faith and the desire to pass on the practice of the Faith to the person to be baptized. Persons who do not attend Mass regularly or are living in marriages not recognized by the Church or are cohabitating outside of a Catholic marriage or who are Christians but not Catholic may not be qualified to serve as Godparents.

Affirmation Statement: (Please check appropriate blocks.)

A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church. Have you received these Sacraments of Initiation?

Baptism: Yes No **First Communion:** Yes No **Confirmation:** Yes No

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

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

A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. **Do you attend Mass on weekends and regularly receive the sacraments?** Yes No

A Godparent must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. **Read Below.**

--If married, Godparents must be married in the Catholic Church living in accord with the Church's teaching.

--If not married, Godparents must be living a life in accord with the Church's teachings.

Note: Catholics who were married by a Judge or Justice of the Peace or in another Christian church without special permission of the Catholic Church or who are cohabitating without the privilege of sacramental marriage do not meet the requirements.

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

I have completed a Baptismal Preparation Class within the past two years: Check appropriate block below provide information.

I watched REBORN OR I attended a class on _____ a (parish) _____.

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

Signature of Godparent

Today's Date

Date of Baptism

For home parish clergy: To the best of my knowledge, the above person is a Catholic in good standing and has answered the questions truthfully.

Signature of Home Parish Pastor/Deacon

Church Seal

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