



## Godparent Eligibility Statement

(Each godparent must complete a separate form/sent this completed form to the Holy Name parish office.)

Congratulations on being asked to be a godparent. By accepting this responsibility, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's spiritual life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. 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. Please complete a Baptism Preparation Class at your parish prior to the scheduled baptism, or you may complete the online course prescribed by Holy Name Catholic Parish. Please take this completed form to your parish to have it signed and sealed by the pastor, deacon, or their representative.

**Child receiving Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

I am a member of: \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Parish, \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Name City / State

*The Church's Code of Canon Law sets the requirements to be a godparent. 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)*

**AFFIRMATION STATEMENT:** (Please check appropriate boxes)

- **A godparent must be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church.** Have you received the Sacraments of Initiation? Baptism:  Yes  No First Holy 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 Catholic Church's teachings.
  - Catholics 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 box)

I watched REBORN or  I attended a class on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (parish)  
Statement: I have truthfully answered the previous questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a godparent. I commit to the responsibility of serving as a godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Godparent Signature Today's Date Date of Baptism

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**Home Parish Clergy** (to sign and seal): To the best of my knowledge, the above person is a Catholic in good standing and has answered the questions truthfully.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Parish Location Church Seal  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Home Parish Pastor or Deacon Date  
Please Print Pastor or Deacon's Name \_\_\_\_\_