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## Godparent Eligibility Form

*Each sponsor must complete a separate form*

Name of the person being baptized: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Print Godparent's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

The provisions for being a Godparent are set forth in the Church's Code of Canon Law and may not be waived by the pastor or deacon. Basically, Godparents must be mature, faithful and practicing Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Initiation and who lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith. (See Canons 872, 873, 874 and 893) Godparents and parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class within 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 unions or irregular situations not recognized by the Church or who are Christians but not Catholic may not be qualified to function as Godparents. A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a witness.

Please Print: I am a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic parish  
in \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

I attended a Baptismal Preparation Class on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

*Affirmation Statements: Please circle responses.*

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

Baptism: Yes No Confirmation: Yes No First Eucharist: 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 in good standing with the Catholic Church. Read Below.

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

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

Note: Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, in another Christian community without special permission, or who are cohabitating without the privilege of marriage do not meet the requirements. *Based on this explanation, are you in good standing with the Church?* Yes No

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

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 acting as a Godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent signed before the pastor/deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Home Parish Pastor/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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