



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Godparent Form to be completed by the Godparent

Name of Child to be Baptized

The role of a Godparent is a very ancient custom of the Church. That role is to "help the neophyte (baptized person) persevere in the faith and in the life as a Christian." The Godparent's relationship with the newly baptized is to be one as a model of faith and source of support as a flesh and blood sign of the Church, standing with the one who is baptized.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reads, "So too is the role of the godfather and godmother, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial (pertaining to the Church) function" (CCC 1255). In the Baptismal ceremony, the Godparent is asked, "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty...?" One Godparent must be of the Catholic faith in order to accomplish this. According to *Canon Law* (874), the requirements for a Catholic Godparent are that the person.

1. Be chosen by the parents or the one to be baptized
2. Have the intention of fulfilling this role
3. Must be 16 years or older
4. Be a Catholic who has been **confirmed** and received the **Eucharist**
5. Leads a life of faith in keeping with the duties to be taken on, that is, is an "active" Catholic
6. Must not be prohibited because of being under a canonical penalty (e.g. divorced and remarried)
7. Must not be the parent of the child/adult.

If you understand the above and believe you qualify, sign your name here and include the Pastor, Pastoral Associate or Deacon. Please have this form completed **by your home parish**, with affixed parish seal and mailed or emailed to Our Lady of Lourdes.

"I have read and understood this leaflet. I accept what the Catholic Church teaches about the role of the Godparent, the requirements and responsibilities. I accept the responsibilities and promise to do my best to fulfill them."

Godparent's Name

Godparent's Signature

Godparent's Pastor's Name

Godparent's Pastor's Signature

Godparent's Parish Phone No.

Name of Godparent's Parish

Godparent's Parish Address