

Godparent/Sponsor Information Form

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Today's Date: _____ Name of Family(Child) Sponsoring: _____

Name: First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____
(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

1. Have you been Baptized? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes" to Question 1, please provide the following information:

(a) In what denomination were you baptized? _____

(b) Date or your approximate age when you were baptized: _____

(c) Baptismal name (if different from current name): _____

(d) Place of Baptism (name of church/denomination): _____

(e) Address, if known: _____

(f) Location, if known: _____

(include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

2. Please check those sacraments you have already received:

Penance (Confession)

Eucharist (First Communion)

Confirmation

Name of Church: _____

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Check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement.

1. I have never been married.

2. I am living with my boyfriend/ girlfriend/ fiancé(e).

3. I am engaged to be married.

(a) Your Fiancé(e)'s Name: _____

(b) Your Fiancé(e)'s Current Religious Affiliation (if any): _____

(c) For you: This is my first marriage. I have been married before.

(d) For your fiancé(e): This is his/her first marriage. My fiancé(e) has been married before.

3. I am married.

(a) Your Spouse's Name: _____

(b) Your Spouse's Current Religious Affiliation (if any): _____

(c) For you: This is my first marriage. I have been married before.

(d) For your spouse: This is my spouse's first marriage. My spouse has been married before.

(e) Date of Marriage: _____

(f) Place of Marriage: _____

(include locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

(g) **Officiating Authority of Marriage:** _____

(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic cleric)

4. I am married, but separated from my spouse.

5. I am divorced and I have not remarried.

6. I am a widow/widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church declares, *“Baptism is the sacrament of faith. But faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop. The catechumen or the godparent is asked: “What do you ask of God's Church?” The response is: “Faith!”...Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. **Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth. For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the godfather and godmother, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized – child or adult on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function.**”* (CCC 1253-55)

In the Catholic faith, the Godparent takes on a special role of witnessing the faith and participating in the Baptismal Rite. As such to serve as a Godparent you must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist) at least 16 years of age, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken (Canon 874). In order to be a faithful witness and to be properly disposed to accept the responsibilities asked during the Baptismal Rite, Godparents should be active in their faith, possessing an active prayer life, attending Mass every Sunday, and receiving the Eucharist. If you have any concerns about your ability to serve as a Godparent; if you are not fully initiated, if you are from another faith tradition, or if you are not married in the Church please let us know.