

## BAPTISMAL GODPARENT QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Can. 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;

2/ have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;

3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;

4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Name of Proposed Godfather \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposed Godmother \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Godfather</u>		<u>Godmother</u>	
1. Were the proposed godparents designated for their role as godparents by the parents or guardian of the child to be baptized?	Yes	No	Yes	No
2. Do the proposed godparents intend to fulfill their role as godparents for the child to be baptized?	Yes	No	Yes	No
3. Are the proposed godparents at least 16 years of age?	Yes	No	Yes	No
4. Have the proposed godparents received both the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation?	Yes	No	Yes	No
5 a. Are the proposed godparents married?	Yes	No	Yes	No
b. If you answered "yes" to 5a, are the proposed godparents in a marriage recognized by the Roman Catholic Church ?	Yes	No	Yes	No
c. If you answered "no" to 5a, are the proposed godparents living as single persons (that is not simulating marriage by living with another)?	Yes	No	Yes	No
6. Are the proposed godparents free of involvement in any kind of publicly known scandal?	Yes	No	Yes	No
7. Are the proposed godparents free of any canonical penalty imposed upon them by the Church?	Yes	No	Yes	No
8. Are the proposed godparents people other than the child's natural parents?	Yes	No	Yes	No

**Note: if you answered "No" to any question, excluding question 5a, your proposed godparent does not qualify. If one qualifies and the other doesn't, one godparent would suffice. If one is disqualified and you wish to have a second godparent of the opposite sex, then you must find someone who qualifies.**