

Congratulations! The witness of your Catholic faith now calls you to a sacred role as a godparent/sponsor. Please complete this form to attest to your readiness to accept this role. May God bless you abundantly!

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name),  
a member of (parish name) \_\_\_\_\_  
in (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_,  
having been chosen as the godparent for (print full name) \_\_\_\_\_  
who will receive the Sacrament(s) of: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation.  
I affirm that I possess the qualifications listed below, and that I willingly undertake this role.

**Qualifications of a godparent/sponsor:<sup>1</sup>**

- **At least 16 years old (unless the pastor has granted an exemption for a just cause)<sup>2</sup>**
- **A Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church**
- **Not bound by a canonical penalty**
- **Leading a life of faith befitting the role to be undertaken**
  - a. **Attending Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation**
  - b. **If married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church**
  - c. **Believing that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord**
  - d. **Open to the living Word of God in Sacred Scripture and the church**
  - e. **Striving to live according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the values of our culture and society**
- **Not a parent of the person to be Baptized/Confirmed**

**I have read and understand the above qualifications. Should I have questions about the qualifications, I will seek clarification from the pastor or his delegate. With my signature below, I swear before God that I am eligible to serve in the role of godparent/sponsor, I promise to be a support and example in his/her effort to live a fully Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Catholic Church, and I assume this responsibility willingly.**

**Godparent/sponsor's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

A witness signature is not required at this parish. If requested by another parish, please bring to the parish office for signature.

To the best of our knowledge, the above-signed person fulfills the qualifications for the role of Godparent/Sponsor.

**signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Code of Canon Law, canons 874 §1, 893 §1; Rite of Baptism for Children, Christian Initiation: General Introduction, no. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Code of Canon Law, canon 874 §1, 2°