

Certificate of Eligibility

Divine Mercy Parish

3725 High Street
Oakland, CA 94619

For the Sacrament of: _____
(Write the name of the person who will be receiving the Sacrament, in other words, your future godchild.)

ACCORDING TO CANON LAW:

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must 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. (Cans. 874 & 893)

~ GODPARENT/SPONSOR'S AFFIRMATIONS ~

I, _____,
(Write your name here to affirm that the following statements are true.)

AFFIRM. . . my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I AFFIRM. . . that I practice my Catholic faith regularly and that I participate regularly in the celebration of Sunday Mass and in communion.

I AFFIRM. . . I have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

IF MARRIED, I AFFIRM. . . I am married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

IF I HAVE CHILDREN, I affirm that my children are being educated in the Catholic Faith.

I AFFIRM. . . that I am a registered member of the following parish:
_____, which is
(Write the name of the parish in which, the godparent/sponsor is a registered member.)

located in the city of: _____.
(Write the location of the godparent/sponsor's church: city, state & country)

THEREFORE, I AFFIRM. . . that I solemnly fulfill my obligations to my Parish, and that, with God's help, I also have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling the function as godparent/sponsor.

Name of Godparent/Sponsor – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Godparent/sponsor's SIGNATURE

____/____/____
Date

Godparent/Sponsor's PARISH PRIEST SIGNATURE

____/____/____
Date

Place the godparent/sponsor's
parish seal here:

Eligibility Certificate For Godparent/Sponsor



Dear Godparent/Sponsor,

The sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It is therefore necessary to explain to the faithful that the reception of these sacraments is necessary for the fullness of baptismal grace. Indeed, for "by the sacraments of Christian initiation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (ccc.1285)

For the grace of [the sacraments of initiation] to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the godparent/sponsor, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the [godchild] on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function. (ccc. 1255)

For the reception of these Sacraments it is expected that candidates or their parents seek the spiritual help of a sponsor or godparent. It is preferred (but not necessary) that it be the same as for Baptism, in order to underline the unity between the three sacraments.

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IMPORTANT! The godparent/sponsor must read, fill out and sign the certificate of eligibility located on the back of this page then, they must ask their parish priest to sign and seal the form before returning it.