

<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>Baptism Date: -----</p> <p>Prep Class Date: -----</p>

Godparent Affirmation of Eligibility

Canon 872, 873, 874 of the code of Canon law lists requirements for the valid lawful sponsorship in Baptism:
See details on requirements on the next page

- *The godparent’s role is, together with the parent, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.*
- *There is to be only one male godparent/sponsor or one female godparent/sponsor or one of each.*
- *Meets all requirements in Canon 874. (see back page)*

Name of the child to be baptized: _____ (print full name)

Name of the godparent/witness: _____ (print clearly)

Catholic Godfather / Godmother Statement:

As a practicing Catholic, I am aware that this request is an important opportunity for me to witness my faith and to give a good example of Catholic Life. I have consciously considered what I have been asked to do. I promise, with God’s assistance, to fulfill my role as a godparent and actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church to the best of my abilities.

I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers, in living the Christian life by my own actions, concerns and encouragement and by my example of loving God and loving neighbor.

In signing below, I hereby affirm that I meet all the requirements as stated in Canon law 874 Section 1.

Signature of godparent

Date

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Christian Witness Statement: If you are not Catholic but are a Christian of another denomination.

I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers, in living the Christian life by my own actions, concerns and encouragement and by my example of loving God and loving neighbor.

In signing below, I hereby affirm that I have consciously considered what I have been asked to do.

Signature of Christian witness

Date

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THE CHURCH REQUIREMENTS FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC GODPARENTS

Canon Law Citation:

GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

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 godfather/sponsor or one female godmother/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 **received the most holy sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation** and who participates in Sunday liturgy and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- 4) Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may act as a Christian witness but only together with a Catholic sponsor.