

Baptismal Godfather:

**Christ the King Church
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Being a SPONSOR OR GODPARENT is both a privilege and a DUTY! This Religious commitment challenges the one so honored to be a responsible partner and a good example in mentoring the faith life of the person to be baptized.

Archdiocesan Policy on Sponsors states:

One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex. They must be at least 16 years of age, be Catholic, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist and live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken (Code of Canon Law, §873, §874). They may not be under a canonical penalty nor may they be either the father or mother of the person to be baptized.

A Catholic may not be a sponsor at a non-Catholic baptism. Proxies are no longer used for baptism. If a sponsor cannot be present, someone may stand in for them, but the “proxies” names are not recorded in the official parish records.

The ‘life of faith’ should include full active and conscious participation in the regular worship of the church, reception of the Eucharist, and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If married, a sponsor’s marriage should be in harmony with Church laws. Sponsors and godparents should strive to be good examples of our Catholic Christian Faith.

Dear Pastor,

(Name of Godfather)

(Address of Sponsor)

Who is a member of your parish, has been asked to be a Godfather for:

_____, a member of Christ the King Church.

This portion is to be filled out by the Pastor of the Sponsor’s Parish.

Please complete this form by checking any and all of the following phrases that apply to the person being considered as sponsor.

Is a registered member of my parish

Is at least 16 years of age

Has received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

Is a practicing Catholic and is living in harmony with the Catholic Faith, (i.e. frequenting the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, not cohabitating outside of Catholic matrimony, etc.)

If married, the wedding took place in the Catholic rite.

Is not married.

Y / N Do you recommend this person to be a sponsor?

Comments: _____

(Parish Seal)

(Signature of Sponsor’s Pastor)

(Name of Parish, City, State)