

To be or not to be ...

A Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

The opportunity to walk with another person in faith, whether a child or an adult, is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives to what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. It is important to think carefully about your selection and decision.

The person to be considered a Sponsor must be at least 14 years of age and have themselves completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and are leading a life in harmony with the Faith and Tradition to which they are called to witness. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. If married, their marriage must be recognized as “valid” by the Catholic Church. They must be attending Mass regularly, that is, on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor. Being properly registered at one’s parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with the pastor who can guide you correctly.

- Call the Parish Office EARLY, even before your child’s birth to obtain information that will help you in selecting suitable godparents.
- New parishioners are asked to come to the Parish Office and fill out a Census Form. Individuals and families must be registered and attending Mass here for at least three months before applying for a sponsorship eligibility certificate.

I have read the above and understand the highlighted requirements of a Godparent and what documents need to be presented for Baptism.

Signature and date