

# ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY FORM

**MEANING AND ROLE OF GODPARENT:** You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism. A Godparent is a person who assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the child's faith. The purpose is to ensure that the rich and beautiful faith of the Church is passed on to the child in the most loving and authentic way possible. In accepting this very important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please initial each line, fill in Sacraments information, and sign the statement of eligibility. From the Code of Canon Law: A sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canons #874 & 893)

**Name of Church where Baptism will take place: St. Louis Catholic Church, Batesville, Indiana**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A GODPARENT:

I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation of the Roman Catholic Church:

1. **Catholic Baptism** - Date and church where Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Catholic Holy Communion** - Date and church of First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Catholic Confirmation** - Date and church where Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am at least sixteen years of age or older.

If married, I have received the **Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church** (or Convalidation in the Catholic Church). Date and church of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

If single, I am not living with someone outside of marriage.

I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic. I celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. I have given witness to my faith in Jesus Christ in word and deed and strive to live out my commitment to the Gospel message. I intend to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith.

I am a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State) Since \_\_\_\_\_ and fulfill my obligations to the parish to the best of my ability.

I promise to give support to \_\_\_\_\_ (candidate's name) by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life.

**\*\*If you do not meet the requirements for a Godparent, please complete Christian Witness section.\*\***

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHRISTIAN WITNESS:

I am living as a disciple of Christ.

I have every intention of fulfilling my role as a Christian Witness by assisting the parents in raising their child as a Catholic Christian.

I am not a former Catholic or non-practicing Catholic.

**GODPARENT/CHRISTIAN WITNESS AGREEMENT:** I do hereby solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the requirements to act as a Godparent or Christian Witness for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_