

**SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY REQUEST
for BAPTISM or CONFIRMATION**

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NOTE: This form is for registered members of St. Michael the Archangel Parish (former OLG and St. Bernard Parishes). It is only a request for sponsor eligibility and is not a guarantee of same.

Congratulations on being asked to be a godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation. While it is an honor to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation, this honor carries with it serious responsibilities. It is also important to understand that not everyone is eligible to be a sponsor. The following are the minimal standards of the Catholic Church required in order to act as a sponsor in the Catholic faith.

- You must set a good Christian example to the person you are asked to sponsor. You need to believe, profess and live the teachings of Jesus Christ as taught by the Catholic Church, in addition to participation at Sunday Mass and holy days.
- You must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Special permission may be given if a person is younger and he/she demonstrates a mature understanding of the faith.
- You must have been baptized in the Catholic Church (or received into the Catholic faith if baptized in another faith) and you must have celebrated (received) the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- You cannot be the mother or the father of the person you are sponsoring.
- You must have made your Easter Duty (i.e., received the Eucharist during the Lenten or Easter season) within the past year, be a registered member of St. Bernard Parish, and contribute to the work of the parish and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- If you are married, you must have been married in the Catholic Church, or with the approval of the Catholic Church. Please note that being divorced does not preclude you from acting as a sponsor. However, remarriage outside the Catholic Church places one outside of communion with the Church and, therefore, outside of communion with the Church. Therefore, until one reconciles with the Catholic Church and has their marriage recognized by the Church, they cannot act as a sponsor.

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A Sponsor Eligibility Form, issued by the pastor of one's parish, verifies that a person is able to stand as a sponsor. Please complete the form below and return it to the rectory office. Please allow one week for issuance of the Eligibility Form. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

Your Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL LAST

Complete Address: _____
STREET CITY
ZIP CODE

Full name of person you wish to sponsor: _____

Do you plan to be a: Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism? **OR** Sponsor for Confirmation? (CHECK ONE)

Are you a registered member of St. Bernard Parish? Yes No (OFFICE USE ONLY: _____) LAST ACTIVE DATE _____

Are you at least sixteen (16) years old? Yes No

Are you this person's father or mother? Yes No

Do you believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? Yes No

Do you make a serious effort to live a good, moral life as a follower of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church?
 Yes No

Do you participate at Sunday Mass on a weekly basis? Yes No

Where were you Confirmed? _____
(Name of Church and Town)

When was the last time you received Holy Communion? _____

Are you presently married? Yes No If yes, state at what Catholic Church your present marriage took place:

(Name of Church and Town)

I solemnly declare in the presence of God that all of the above information is true.

SIGNATURE: _____ PHONE: _____

Check one of the following:

- The Baptism or Confirmation will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish.
- I will pick my form up at the rectory. Please call me.
- Please send the form to me in the mail.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____