



SAINT EDWARD
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Baptismal Preparation Class Attendance for Godparents
Verification Form

For the Baptism of _____
(Name of child to be baptized)

St. Edward Catholic Church asks Godparents to attend a class on Baptism so that they will have the opportunity to be refreshed on the significance of Baptism, as well as the responsibilities and privileges of the role of Godparent.

Class may be attended at your home parish. You are always welcome to sign up for the class offered at St. Edward Parish the first Wednesday of every month from 7-8 pm.

I affirm that I attended Baptismal Preparation Class at:

Name of Church: _____

Date of Class: _____

Signature of Instructor: _____

Signature of Godparent _____

Please affix Church Seal

This form is to be submitted to St. Edward Catholic Church prior to the scheduling of the Baptism. Eligibility to be a Godparent for Baptism will be determined upon receipt of this information.

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Godparent Certificate for Baptism

To be completed by the Godparent:

1. The Godparent must be at least 16 years old, having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
2. If married, the Godparent was married in the Catholic Church.
3. In order to function as a role model and support the candidate, the Godparent must be a practicing Catholic, who Fully participates in the sacramental life of the Church in living a full and active Catholic life.
4. The Godparent must be someone other than mother or father of the candidate.
5. This form must be completed in its entirety, signed and sealed by your pastor and returned to our office before the sacrament can be received. Without this completed form there can be no sponsorship.

Name of Candidate for Baptism _____ (Please print)

Godparent's Name _____

Church of Baptism _____

Church of Confirmation _____

Church of Marriage _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT'S PARISH

This is to certify that, _____, a member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is qualified to act as Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Date: _____

Rev. _____
Church

City/State

(Please mail or fax entire form to St. Edward Catholic Church)



Requirements for Baptismal Godparents/Sponsors

Each baptismal candidate must have at least one godparent, but no more than two. Therefore, you could have either a godmother or a godfather, or one of each.

The following paragraphs on baptismal godparents are taken from the Code of Canon Law (Church law) and will help you in choosing a godparent or godparents.

Can. 872 – Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Can. 874 -- .1 To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents of the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
2. have completed their sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;

At a minimum, this means that sponsors must be baptized, confirmed, regularly celebrate and receive the Eucharist on Sundays, adhere to the faith of the Church, and if married, be married in the Catholic Church.

4. not be bound by a canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

.2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.



Important Reminder

Please return the following:

For **each** Godparent:

- Godparent Certificate for Baptism
- Baptismal Preparation Class Attendance Form

**All forms must be returned to St. Edward Church Office before a
Baptismal date is scheduled.**