



Godparent Certificate

*St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
St. Mary's Church - 103 W. 7th Street - Oswego, NY 13126*

Role of a Godparent

To be a Godparent is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the candidate in the ways of Christ and His Church. The Godparent, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the Godparent will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c 872).

Church law permits two Godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 873).

Therefore, I _____

(Godparent)

Desiring to assume the obligation of Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism

for _____

(Candidate for Baptism)

Do here declare that I understand the responsibilities of a Godparent and that I am willing by prayer and example to encourage and instruct her/him in living our Catholic Faith.

Furthermore:

- I have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen years.
- I am not the parent of the person being baptized.
- My manner of life is in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- I comply with the Church laws regarding the Sacrament of Matrimony.

I hereby testify before God and God's minister to the truth of what is stated here above.

Signature of Applicant

This is to certify that _____

Has attested to the above requirements, and to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Date: _____

Pastor/Pastoral Associate