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GODPARENT CERTIFICATION FORM

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☐ BAPTISM ☐ CONFIRMATION

Godchild's Name:_____ Church & Date of Sacrament:_____
Godparent's Name:_____ Contact: _____
Address: _____

I am:
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married - Catholic Church
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Civilly Married
- ☐ Common Law
- ☐ Married - Non-Catholic Church
- ☐ Divorced & living alone or with child(ren)
- ☐ Divorced & living with Unwed partner
- ☐ Divorced & living with civilly wedded spouse
- ☐ Single & living with Unwed partner

Answer the following questions: (Please check by your answer)

- Are you a Baptized Catholic? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Do you attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Do you believe and accept all that the Catholic Church teaches? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Prerequisites to be a Godparent: (Please check by all boxes acknowledging you have read and understand)

☐ Individuals requesting to be a Godparent from this parish must be registered and active parishioners of this parish.

☐ There is a required **3 month** parish registration prior to being issued a Godparent Certification Form.

☐ "be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister, and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function" (Code of Canon Law, 874 - §1.1°).

☐ "have completed the sixteenth year of age..." (Code of Canon Law, 874 - §1.2°). "Those selected to be Godparents should be mature enough to undertake this responsibility; have themselves received the three Sacraments of Christian initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist; and be members of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this duty. They should be Catholics who also demonstrate their belief by regular Sunday Mass attendance. The pastor is to be the judge of this." (The Statutes of the Archdiocese of Agaña 1996. Part II. Ch.8 Baptism. Section 91. (Code of Canon Law, 874 - §1.3°).

☐ "not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared. (Code of Canon Law, 874 - §1.5°).

☐ If you have received the Sacrament of Matrimony, then the marriage should have taken place in a Catholic Church and was officiated by a Catholic Priest or a Deacon. If you are married civilly or are cohabitating 'common-law', then you have given up your privilege of becoming a Godparent. Please see the pastor.

☐ Off-island Godparents must obtain a Godparent certification form or letter from his/her parish where they attend Sunday Mass regularly.

☐ If you are a Proxy, you must also obtain a Godparent Certification Form from your respective parish where you attend Sunday Mass regularly.

☐ Only the Primary (ONE Male and/or One Female) Godparent is recorded in our Canonical Records and the Chancery Office. All others are considered witnesses.
☐ Parents and Godparents are to attend catechesis before the Baptism.

I understand and have answered all these questions honestly and truthfully to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

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GODPARENT'S CERTIFICATION FORM

Dear Reverend Father,

Based on the Godparent Certification Form, I hereby certify _____

to be a Godmother/Godfather for _____ in the Sacrament of ☐ Baptism | ☐ Confirmation.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase,

_____ _____
Name of Clergy (Print & Sign) **Date**