

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF STOUGHTON

Godparent/Sponsor Requirements for either a Baptism or Confirmation

Because of the many inquiries regarding Godparents and Sponsors, we are publishing the following which is the **law** of the Roman Catholic Church, not The Catholic Parishes of Stoughton local rules.

GODPARENTS OR SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

An individual must fulfill **all** of the starred criteria in order to be a Godparent or Sponsor of a child at Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic Church:

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| * | I have been Baptized in the Catholic Church | Yes () No () |
| * | I am at least sixteen years old | Yes () No () |
| * | I have been Confirmed in the Catholic Church | Yes () No () |
| * | I am not a Parent of the child being Baptized/Confirmed | Yes () No () |
| | I am a practicing Catholic | Yes () No () |
| | I attend Mass regularly ** on Sunday (weekends) | Yes () No () |
| | I receive Holy Communion on a regular basis | Yes () No () |
| | I receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year | Yes () No () |
| | I contribute to the support of my parish | Yes () No () |

*At least **one individual** chosen by the parent(s) for their child's Baptism must fulfill the above requirements to be a godparent.

* For the Sacrament of Confirmation, the sponsor must fulfill the **above requirements**.

**Attendance at Mass regularly means going to church ordinarily every Sunday.

Christian Witness- (Godparent Only): For Baptism only, an individual may be chosen who does not fulfill all the godparent requirements. The person you have chosen must be a validly Baptized Christian, Protestant, Orthodox who believes in the divinity of Jesus. That individual would be a Christian Witness to the child at Baptism, not a sponsor (Godparent).

Signing Sponsor Certificate: Please **call** if your Parish is either Immaculate Conception (781-344-2073) or St. James (781-344-9121) to make an **appointment** with the Priest or Deacon to have the Sponsor /Godparent sheet signed. Making an appointment will ensure a Priest or Deacon is available to you.

Questions: If there are any questions, you may call the Priests at Immaculate Conception (781-344-2073) or at St. James (781-344-9121).