

St. Patrick Church
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SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FORM **Due: Jan. 18 or Feb. 1, 2026**

Please read the following carefully, check boxes, sign and have it certified by your parish priest.

The Catholic Church requires that all those who assume the responsibilities and obligations of sponsorship for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation faithfully practice the Catholic Faith and are exemplary in their conduct as members of the Roman Catholic Church (see Canons 872-4 and 893). Consequently, letters of approbation will be issued only to persons who are able to make the following affirmations and agreements (please initial each line that applies to you):

- _____ I am a Roman Catholic, or a Catholic of another Catholic Rite, who is a registered and participating member of _____ Parish located in _____.
- _____ I have been asked to be a godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation and I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized/confirmed.
- _____ I have attained the minimum age of sixteen (16) years.
- _____ I have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & the Holy Eucharist.
- _____ I participate weekly in Sunday Mass and attend on Holy Days of Obligation.
- _____ I give witness to my Faith in Jesus Christ by receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- _____ I realize that becoming a godparent/sponsor entails a great responsibility before God and the Church.
- _____ I promise to give support to and guide the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and, most especially, by my own Catholic example in daily life.
- _____ I am not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
(This means that if married, the marriage must be recognized as a valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholics who are either married only civilly or living together as husband & wife without the Sacrament of Marriage are in an invalid marriage and thus, by law, have a canonical penalty imposed upon them. The penalty is that the person may not participate in the full Sacramental Life of the Church. Specifically, they may not receive Holy Communion, nor act as godparents at Baptism or sponsors at Confirmation. Thus, if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you do not meet the requirements for being admitted to the role of godparent/sponsor. Know that we want you to be restored to full communion; please talk with your parish priest. He can help you!)

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FOR: _____
Name of person to be baptized/confirmed

☐ Baptism
☐ Confirmation

What is the date (if known) of the celebration? _____

By my signature I swear before God and my conscience that I am attesting to the truth of these statements.

Godparent's/Sponsor's printed name: _____

Godparent's/Sponsor's signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby testify that the person whose signature is above is a register member of the parish indicated and has affirmed that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve as a godparent/sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation.

Attested by: _____
(affix parish seal) (priest signature)

Date: _____