



## GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS

As a godparent, your role is to encourage the faith of the child to be baptized and be an “**example**” to this child and to reflect the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship.

To perform the role of godparent, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions stated in the Code of Canon Law #874:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, or by the parents or 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 the 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 Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken [e.g. if married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church as valid]
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
5. not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized



*You only need ONE godparent but if you choose two, one must be a female and the other one a male.*