

# Baptism/Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

St. Bernard Catholic Church

1306 E. Main St.

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

**THIS FORM IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE SPONSOR AND HIS/HER PASTOR/PRIEST.**

## THE ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents. Although one of the Confirmation candidate's godparents is the ideal, this is not the only choice. (CCC 1311)

Godparents and sponsors "must be firm believers, able and ready to help on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function... bearing some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism." (CCC 1255) Like parents, they share in the responsibility for the salvation of the young soul entrusted to them.

Because our life on earth is "a pilgrimage to the Father which takes place primarily in the heart" (Pope John Paul II, The Trinity's Embrace), the Godparent/sponsor should be a Catholic who loves and lives his or her faith and continues to grow in the knowledge of the Catholic faith. This is evident in a person who spends time in daily prayer and frequent encounters with Jesus in the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Consequently, the sponsor's heart reflects the tender and affectionate love of the hearts of Jesus and Mary and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, providing a living example of joyful Christian life.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I \_\_\_\_\_,

Godparent/Sponsor's name

A REGISTERED MEMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_

Parish name

City, State

ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO BE THE GODPARENT/SPONSOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Candidate's name

**In accepting this responsibility, I solemnly swear that the statements are true, so help me God!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am at least 16 years of age (unless dispensed by the pastor).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not invalidly married outside the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I attend Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance regularly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a parent of the candidate for baptism and/or confirmation.

**I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Sponsor and I promise to be a support and example that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and I am prepared to assist the Candidate by my support, encouragement and prayer.**

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Sponsor's Signature

## PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Godparent/sponsor candidate is a registered member of this parish in good standing and to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Godparent/Sponsor.

Priest Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal (must be present)

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_