



THE HOLY ROOD

COLLABORATIVE

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THE EVANGELIST PARISH
115 MIDDLESEX STREET
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25 NORTH ROAD
CHELMSFORD

BAPTISM GODPARENT COVENANT

It is a great honor and privilege to be chosen as a sponsor. As a Baptism godparent, your role is to encourage the faith of your Godchild, be a role model and mentor and reflect with your Godchild as they grow on the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship. Parents are the primary educators in forming their child's faith and you are to assist the parents in this important ministry. Are you a firm believer in Christ and ready to help guide this child to live a life of holiness as a Catholic?

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as godparents at Baptism. The following is what the Church requires:

- **Must be at least 16 years of age.**
- **Must be fully initiation into the Catholic Church** (received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist).
- **Cannot be the parents of the child.**
- **One godparent is required; only two are permitted. If there are two they must be a male and a female.**
- **A baptized Christian of another denomination may take the role as a "Christian Witness" along with a Catholic Sponsor.**
- **If the godparent cannot be at the baptism, another Catholic may stand in as a proxy.**
- **Must be a practicing Catholic, giving an example of prayer and regular worship with their parish community.**
- **Must be willing to share with the parents the task of handing on the faith to the child; actively giving Christian witness in their lives.**
- **If married: Must be married in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church (*seek consultation with a priest or deacon or pastoral associate if there are questions concerning this*).**
- **If single: Must not be cohabitating.**

I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at _____ Catholic Church

city state

If married... we celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at _____

city state

My Godchild's name is _____
Name of parish and city where the Sacrament of Baptism is to take place:

Parish Name: _____ Location: _____
city state

I am fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and actively participate in my faith life.

Please print and sign your name... PRINTED: _____
SIGNED: _____ DATE _____