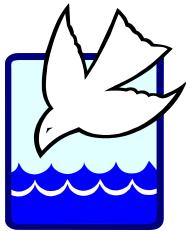


Congratulations! Someone has just asked you to be a godparent.

We encourage you to use this form to facilitate a conversation between you and the individual who has chosen you.



The godparent is one who:

- ❖ Represents both the wider spiritual family and therefore **is an active member of the Catholic Church**
- ❖ Represents the role of the Church as mother and therefore **nurtures the child in the faith and has a desire to keep the child “in the Family” of God throughout life**
- ❖ Helps the parents so that the infant will come to profess the faith and to express it in life. With the parents, the godparent professes the Church’s faith and therefore **believes and defends the creeds and doctrines of the Catholic faith.**

Realizing the importance of the role of godparent, the Catholic Church offers some guidelines and requirements. Please circle your responses to the questions below. These regard the usual requirements for godparents and will be reviewed by the parish.

1. Are you 16 years old or older? Yes No 2. Please indicate your sex: Male Female
3. Have you received the Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Please tell us where you were baptized if you have knowledge of that information:

Parish, City, State: _____

4. Have you received your first Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? Yes No
5. Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Yes No
6. Are you the father or mother of the one who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism/? Yes No

The godparent is invited to have a significant effect on the life of an individual who receives Baptism. Therefore, the Catholic Church values how a godparent is a witness to the practice of the Catholic Faith. Please reflect upon your life of faith and rate yourself on your ability to witness to the following. Once completed, please share your responses with the parents of the one to be baptized and use it to begin a discussion about your role in his/her life.

****Note that all of us are still striving for holiness. Godparents are not expected to have reached perfection!****

How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5?

1-2-3-4-5 I **pray daily**. Describe your prayer life – when, where, how, why do you pray, etc.

1-2-3-4-5 I **attend Holy Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening)**. What do you most appreciate about this gift of the Holy Eucharist?

1-2-3-4-5 I **attend Holy Mass on Holy Days of Obligation**. Can you name the Holy Days of Obligation? – if not, ease your curiosity by looking them up: <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/canon-law/complementary-norms/canon-1246>

1-2-3-4-5 I **make ongoing attempts to love my neighbor as myself in daily life**. What are some ways you do this?

1-2-3-4-5 I **confess my sins to a priest in Reconciliation at least once a year**. What is difficult about this sacrament? What gives you joy?

1-2-3-4-5 I **am registered and active in a Catholic parish**. Describe your parish and why you appreciate it.

1-2-3-4-5 I **contribute time, talent, and treasure to the Catholic Church as I am able to do**. In what ways do you contribute your time and talent?

1-2-3-4-5 I **share my faith with others and speak the Good News of the gospel**. With whom do you share faith?

1-2-3-4-5 I **do works of service for the glory of God and the good of his people**. What are some works of service that have been transformative for you?

1-2-3-4-5 I **fast and abstain on the days required by the Church (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and other days**. Why do you find this to be meaningful in your life?

1-2-3-4-5 If married: I **celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony within the Catholic Church**. Why is this important?

(Please see reverse side.)

After prayerful reflection, if you are willing and able to be a godparent, please complete the following information and return this form using the contact information at the bottom of the page.

Name of the One to Be Baptized: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Your Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

E-mail Address: _____ Phone (cell preferred): _____

Parent Completes:

Why did you choose this person to be your godparent? Following your discussion with the godparent, why do you believe this person is a positive witness to the practice and teachings of the Catholic Church?

Signature of Parent

Signature of Godparent

Please return to:

Baptism Coordinator
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Dubuque, Iowa, 52003
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