

Requirements for the Role of Godparent for Infant Baptism

Name of Child to be baptized: (print) _____

Name of godparent (print): _____
(If two Catholic godparents are chosen, one of these sheets is required for each godparent.)

Parents may choose godparents (sponsors) for their children from among family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parents may choose a godfather and a godmother or just one godparent. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of baptism, but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (Cannons 872-874):

Please Initial Each

_____ I am at least 16 years of age

_____ I am a practicing Catholic who has received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

_____ As a practicing Catholic, I attend Mass on Sunday's and Holy Days of obligation at my home parish of:

_____ _____ in _____ (City/State, Country)

_____ I am married, my current marriage is a Valid Catholic marriage. I was married in

_____ (City/State/Country) _____ at _____ (Name of Parish)

_____ I am not cohabitating, that is living together without marriage.

_____ I am not a parent of the child to be baptized.

_____ I promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic faith and by helping the child lead a Christian life.

I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic parish named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a Godparent for baptism.

Prospective Godparent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am a registered member of St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Long Beach, CA 90803.

_____ My parish envelope number is: _____

_____ I am a member of another Parish. **(The form below is to be completed by that parish.)**

I certify that (print) _____ Is a parishioner at :

_____ Name of Parish, city, state

Signature of Pastor or Delegate: _____

Parish
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Required