

St. Peter Church, Volo IL

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Sacrament of Baptism - Godparent Form

To be chosen as a Godparent for Baptism is a great honor that carries with it great responsibility. It is your role to help form the candidate for Baptism in the Catholic faith; to be a good role model and to inspire them to live an authentic Catholic Christian life. Thus, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law (C 872, 874, 892 and 893), the Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents.

1. Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age.
2. Godparents must be Catholics who have received all Sacraments of Initiation (are baptized and confirmed, and have received first communion).
3. Godparents must lead a life "in harmony with the faith;" thus, must be a regular member of a Catholic Church, attending Mass regularly; and if married, must be in a valid Catholic Marriage.
4. Godparents must be someone other than the child's parents.

As a Godparent for: _____
(Name of child you are sponsoring)

I affirm the following (with my initials):

- ___ I am a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Catholic Mass and receive the Eucharist.
___ I am over the age of sixteen and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
___ I am not a parent to the candidate who will receive the Sacrament.
___ I understand and accept the obligations of a Godparent, to lead a life of faith and to pray and assist my candidate in his/her spiritual growth.
___ I regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
___ I am not married **OR**
___ I am in a recognized Catholic marriage; (married in the Catholic Church or celebrated Convalidation of Marriage.)

I hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all of the requirements and joyfully accept my role to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Name of Godparent: _____

Signature of Godparent: _____

Date of Declaration: _____

Name of your home Parish: _____

For Parish use only: This certifies that the above named person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing and that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism.

(Parish Seal)

Church of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____