

Notes about the eligibility of Godparent/Sponsor (Christian Witness)

- **Godparent/Sponsor (Christian Witness) Options**

- A child may be baptized with:
 - No godparents and no Christian Witness.
 - Only one godparent and a Christian Witness of the opposite gender of the godparent.
 - A godfather and a godmother and no Christian Witness.

- **Notes about Godparents**

- Godparents need to be fully initiated Catholic Christians who meet the minimum standards listed on our Baptism Planning Form.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic and are practicing another Christian tradition are not eligible to be a godparent.

From the Code of Canon Law: A Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canons #874 & 893)

- **Notes about Christian Witnesses**

- If a family chooses to have a Christian Witness, the Christian witness does not need to complete a Baptism Class but will need to submit a Proof of Baptism. This can be a baptismal certificate or a letter from the church of baptism.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic and are practicing another Christian tradition are not eligible to be a Christian Witness.