

GUARDIAN ANGEL CATHEDRAL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Requirements for the Role of Godparent / Christian Witness

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

Name of child to be baptized (print): _____

Name of godparent/Christian Witness (print): _____ Religion _____

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 (Canons 872-874):

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized. A godparent serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent, **I attest that:** *(Please Initial Each)*

_____ I am at least 16 years of age.

_____ I am a practicing Catholic who has been Baptized, received the Eucharist and been Confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making the use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation) and is not in an irregular marriage, or living a life of habitual sin.

_____ As a practicing Catholic, I attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation at my home parish of _____ in _____
(City/State/County)

_____ If I am married, my current marriage is a valid Catholic marriage. I was married in _____ at _____
(City/State/County) (Name of Parish)

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

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

_____ I have attended the Baptism preparation class offered at _____
(Name of Parish)

_____ I promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents, especially by my own example and witness to the Catholic faith thereby helping the child lead a Christian life.

I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic parish named above and that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor for baptism.

Signature of Godparent: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am a registered member of : _____

I certify that (print) _____ is a registered member of our parish, is a practicing Catholic, and is qualified to serve in the ministry of godparent.

Signature of pastor/delegate: _____ Date: _____

Parish Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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