



Godparent Verification Form

Please sign and return to Christ the King Church
no later than **one month prior** to the baptism.

Please print.

I, _____, have been asked to be a godparent for

(child's full name)

Date of baptism (if scheduled) _____

A godparent is an important person in the life of the person to be baptized. They are a spiritual role model, an example of the Christian life, and an official representative of the Body of Christ, the Church. They are to be a source of guidance, support, and inspiration to this child on his or her faith journey and, when appropriate, help the parents in the Christian formation of this child.

Please initial by each true statement.

I am at least 16 years of age. _____

I am an active and sacramentally confirmed Catholic. _____

I am in good standing with the Catholic Church. _____ (Was your present marriage celebrated in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest or deacon or in another denomination with the written permission of a Catholic bishop?)

I affirm that I meet the qualifications and accept the responsibilities of being a godparent. I am an active and participating Catholic and promise to the best of my ability to serve as an example in encouraging this child to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

Godparent's signature _____ Date _____

Godparent's Pastor's signature _____

Name of Parish _____ Phone Number _____



Drop off or mail to:
Christ the King Church
3001 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37212

SPONSORS/GODPARENTS

Can. 872 *Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.*

Can. 873 *There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.*

Can. 874 §1. *To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:*

- *be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;*
- *have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;*
- *be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*
- *not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
- *not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.*

§2. *A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*