

Certificate of Eligibility for Godparent



A Catholic Godparent is asked at baptism "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian (Catholic) parents?" For someone who assumes the responsibility for the role of a godparent, it means they agree to be a Catholic role model in the baptismal candidate's life. Therefore, Church law specifies "To be permitted to take on the function of a sponsor a person must ...have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function; have completed the sixteenth year of age; 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."

Code of Canon Law #874

Godparent Attestation:

I have been asked to be a godparent for _____ as he/she is baptized.
(Print baptismal candidate's first & last name)

In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that:

✚ I am a Catholic and received the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

Note: Church Baptized in & when: _____

✚ I am at least 16 years of age and not the parent of the baptismal candidate.

✚ I am canonically free to carry out this office as I was married in the Catholic Church and if unmarried, I am not living with someone to whom I am not married.

✚ I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Christian example.

✚ I am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, Holy Days and receive the sacraments.

I declare that I fulfill all the above requirements to be a godparent and I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the parents of this child in their Christian duty to bring up their child in the Catholic faith and help their child lead a Christian life.

Signature of Godparent: _____

Please Print Your Name: _____

Godparent's Contact Information: Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please take completed form to Godparent's Parish of Register for Parish Priest to attest to:

I certify the above-named person is a parishioner in good standing with the Catholic Church and that they are qualified to be a godparent fulfilling the above requirements.

Godparent's Parish of Registration: _____

Church Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Stamp

Pastor's Printed Name: _____

Parish Seal

Date: _____

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Please return original, stamped certificate to the above letterhead address.