



# GODPARENT / SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM

Name of the person being baptized/confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

- Infant Baptism Godparent
- Teen Confirmation Sponsor (High School)
- Adult Confirmation Sponsor
- RCIA Sponsor

**Congratulations!** You have been asked to be a godparent/sponsor for the sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation. In accepting this very important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life.

After reflection, **please initial the statements of "Qualifications", and read and sign the "Declaration".**

## Qualifications of Godparents/Sponsors (Canon Law #874)

Please initial each statement confirming its enunciation:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a practicing Catholic, have been confirmed, regularly attend the Catholic Mass and receive the holy Eucharist.

\_\_\_\_\_ I celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am over sixteen years old.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a parent to the candidate who will receive the sacrament.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not married. Or \_\_\_\_\_ I am in a recognized Catholic marriage\*.

\*According to canon law those living in marriages not recognized by the Catholic church may not be qualified to serve as Godparents/sponsors.

## Marital Status (select one)

Single (not living as a couple)      Married in the Catholic Church      Married outside the Catholic Church

## Godparent/Sponsor's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Catholic Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

I do hereby solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the qualifications to act as a godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation. I understand and accept the lifelong responsibility of a godparent/sponsor to lead a life of Christian faith, and to pray for and assist my Godchild/Sponsored candidate in his/her spiritual growth.

Name of Godparent/ Sponsor (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Proxy (If applicable)

If Godparent/sponsor cannot be present in person the day of the baptism/confirmation ceremony, he or she may appoint another person to serve as proxy. Please, complete only if Godparent/Sponsor will not be present at the ceremony.

Name of Proxy (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Use Only:

The Godparent/Sponsor named above is a (Please check one):  Registered Parishioner /  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish staff Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish staff signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Parish Seal)**