



St. Rita Catholic Church

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Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Statement:

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is also a sacrament of initiation that strengthens and perfects our union with Christ and His Church. A Godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism and a Sponsor represent the Catholic Church at Confirmation. Both serve as role models for the initiate by living a fully Christian life. Godparents and Sponsors should be at least 16 years old and must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance/Confession, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

To Be Completed By the Godparent or Sponsor:

I pledge that I meet the fundamental criteria for being a Godparent or Sponsor as set forth below: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ I commit to be a responsible Catholic role model for _____, being
Baptized/Confirmed on _____.
Full name of person being Baptized/Confirmed
Date of Baptism/Confirmation
- ☐ I am Confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- ☐ I am at least 16 years of age.
- ☐ I regularly attend Sunday Mass and receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion.
- ☐ I am open to the living Word of God in the Sacred Scripture and Teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ☐ I try to live my life according to Gospel values even when they conflict with societal values.
- ☐ My current marital status and situation conforms to all the Laws, Norms, and Principles of the Catholic Church.
Example: If married, I was married in the Catholic Church by a Catholic priest or deacon. If single, I am not living with my partner/significant other.
- ☐ I intend to encourage my Godchild/Confirmandi in the practice of the Holy Catholic Faith by my word and example.

Godparent's/Sponsor's Signature

Printed Name of Godparent/Sponsor

To Be Completed By Godparent's/Sponsors Parish:

I verify that the Godparent/Sponsor listed above is:

- ☐ A Catholic of good standing
- ☐ A registered member of this parish

Priest's Signature

Printed Name of Priest

Parish Seal

Name of Parish, City, and State

Date