

Certificate of Eligibility for Godparents

Dear Parents:

The role of Godparent (or Sponsor) is an honor, but with it comes the responsibility of practicing and encouraging the faith into which the child (or adolescent or adult) is to be baptized. Please consider the following:

Competency to act as Godparent requires the following according to Canon Law (#874):

- 1. must be at least 16 years old*
- 2. must be a Catholic who has been confirmed, has already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, be registered in a Catholic parish and living out the Catholic faith including, but not limited to, participation in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance as required, being married in the Catholic faith if applicable, and not living in a co-habiting relationship outside of marriage.*
- 3. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared*
- 4. not be the Father or Mother of the one to be baptized*

The Certificate of Eligibility (below) is a statement that the Godmother and/or Godfather you have chosen are members in good standing at the parish in which they worship, and that they are competent to act as a sponsor for your child's Baptism.

Please have this form filled out and signed by the Pastor/Priest of your Godparent's parish for each Catholic Godparent before attending the Baptism classes or one week prior to the Baptism date. Thank you and may God bless you!

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

is a member of this parish, in good standing and is competent to act as sponsor at Baptism for:

(name of child) _____

To be baptized at _____ **Church**

City/State _____

On _____ **(date)**

Parish Seal:

Rev. _____

Parish: St _____

City/State _____