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Godparent Form for the Sacrament of Baptism

The requirements for an individual godparent are from the Code of Canon Law:

Canon #872

“In the baptism of children, a godparent is to be present in order to represent the expansion of the spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as a mother. **As occasion offers, the godparent helps the parents to lead the child to profess the faith and to show this by living it.**”

Canon #874

“To be admitted to the role of godparent, a person must be able to profess with the parents the church’s faith when the child is being baptized and be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian. Have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or an exception is made for a special reason. **Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and leads a life of faith in keeping with the role of the sponsor/godparent;** not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.”

I, _____ have been asked to be a godparent for _____,
child of _____ .

(Please mark all that apply to you)

___ That I have received Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation.

___ That I am at least 16 years of age.

___ That I live the single/widowed life, or if married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.

___ That I actively participate in the Sacramental Life and prayer of the Church by weekly attendance at Mass and regular confession.

___ That I reaffirm my Christian faith and intend to actively live that faith in the Catholic Church according to my particular state or vocation in life.

Signature of Godparent _____

Date _____

Signature of Pastor _____

Date _____

Parish Seal

Parish Name and Address _____

