



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you have been asked to serve as a godparent for baptism, please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **This form must be returned to St. John the Baptist Church before a baptism date can be set.**

Full Name of Child Receiving Sacrament: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Potential Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, City & State of your Catholic Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

### Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

In accord with *Canon Law 874*, please provide the following information. **If you do not meet all of these requirements, please inform the parents immediately.**

1. A Godparent/Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Have you received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. A Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Do you follow the Ten Commandments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. A Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
- If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching, striving to live a holy and chaste life.
- Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without a dispensation from the Catholic Church or subsequent Convalidation, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements of this role.

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Godparent/Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### To Be Completed By the Godparent/Sponsor's Parish

This is to certify that the person who has signed this form above:

- ☐ has attested that he/she meets the requirements to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor.
- ☐ is registered in our parish as an active, practicing Catholic.

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Signature of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Parish Seal)

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Parish Name

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Parish City/State