



St. John the Baptist 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 Sacred Scripture and the 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 / Confirmation candidate in the practice of the Holy Catholic Faith by my word and example.

Godparent's/Sponsor's Signature

Printed Name

Phone number

To be completed by the Godparent's/Sponsor's 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

Name of Parish, City, and State

Date

