

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Baptism Godparent and Confirmation / RCIA - Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility

The Catholic Church requires that all those who assume the role, responsibilities and obligations of Godparent or Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation, practice their faith and exemplify it in their conduct as members of the Roman Catholic Church. Consequently, verifying the eligibility of Baptism Godparent(s) and/or Confirmation Sponsor(s) is very serious (including those individuals who reside and practice their faith outside of this parish church).

(Please read and complete this form carefully, check any applicable boxes below, sign and then present this form to your Pastor to complete the bottom portion and return this form to us.)

- I am a baptized, Roman Catholic, registered at and a participating member of (parish): _____.
- I have been asked to be a Baptism Sponsor (Godparent) or a Sponsor of a candidate for RCIA or the Sacrament of Confirmation and am not the father or mother of the person, who is to receive the Sacrament(s) (Canon 874 §1, 1 and 5 and Canons 892, 893).
- I have received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e., Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) (Canon 874 §1, 3 and Canon 893 §1).
- I have attained the minimum age of 16 years of age (Canon 874 §1, 2 and Canon 893 §1).
- If I was married, it was the Sacrament of Matrimony in a Catholic Church. (Canon 1108, 1118ff) Church Name/ Location: _____.
- I worship regularly at Mass (on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation) (Canon 1247), give witness to my faith by frequently receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, and participate in the life of my Catholic parish church.
- *I am not a party in an invalid marriage (i.e., outside the Catholic Church) or cohabitating (living together outside the Sacrament of Matrimony). (***Ineligible otherwise**)
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, by stewarding my time, talents and treasure, and by my loving response(s) to my neighbor.
- I realize that I will assume a great responsibility before God and His Church in becoming a Godparent or Sponsor. I promise to provide support and guide the person I am sponsoring with my prayers and by providing a good, Catholic example in my daily life.

SPONSOR/GODPARENT FOR: _____
(Print Name of Person to be Baptized or Confirmed)

I hereby declare, by my signature, I am attesting to the truth of all of my response(s) above.

Godparent/Sponsor's Printed Name: _____

Godparent/Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the above person is: (1) A registered and participating member of this parish; (2) A practicing, baptized Catholic in good standing; (3) Has received all Sacraments of Initiation, and (4) Eligible to serve as a Baptism Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

Signature of Godparent's/Sponsor's Pastor: _____

Name/City of Parish: _____

Date: _____

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(Parish Seal)