

St. Mark Catholic Church



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Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility **(Baptism, RCIA, and Confirmation Sponsors)**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Name _____

Cannons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists the requirements and qualifications of those who serve as Sponsors (Godparents) for the Sacrament of Baptism.

- A Sponsor:
1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility
 2. Must have received the 3 sacraments of initiation, namely: Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation
 3. Must be no less than 16 years of age
 4. Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good, moral life worthy of imitation; and see to the religious instruction of his/her family
 5. Must be an actively practicing Catholic, participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
 6. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not married in the Catholic Church) and those that are cohabitating (living together without marriage) cannot serve as a Sponsor.

When a person chooses you as a Sponsor (Godparent), it means you are thought of as a very special Catholic. Being a Sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. To be a Sponsor (Godparent) means having a true appreciation of the Catholic faith and a sense of responsibility towards the spiritual well being of the person being baptized. You are asked to be a model and guide of how a mature Catholic should live. You can do this by being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of the parish, attending Mass every Sunday, and living the Gospel values. We ask you to commit yourself to sharing the Catholic Faith with the person you are sponsoring.

I affirm that I meet the eligibility requirement to be a Sponsor (Godparent) and I commit to serve as a companion, guide, and role model to my Candidate, Catechumen, or Godchild.

_____ <i>(Printed name of Sponsor/ Godparent)</i>	_____ <i>(Signature of Sponsor/Godparent)</i>	_____ <i>(Date)</i>
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Pastor's Certification

This is to certify that _____ is a:

Catholic in good standing and meets the requirements of a Godparent.

Registered parishioner of _____ Church Parish.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Witness Commitment Form

- _____
I have **never** been baptized in the Catholic Church.
- _____
I am a Christian baptized in the _____ Church.
- _____
I practice my religion on a regular basis and promise to be a good supporting role model.

_____ Signature of Witness	_____ Date
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