

The Catholic Community of | *La Comunidad Católica de* SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

Beaver Dam, WI

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Godparent Certificate of Eligibility

Child's Name: _____

PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Canon 872, 873 and 874 of the code of Canon Law lists requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism:

- *The godparent's role is, together with the parent, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.*
- *Only one male and one female godparent is to be used.*

As a Godfather/Godmother I agree to the following:

- I was chosen by the parents or guardians.
- I am at least sixteen years of age.
- I am a Catholic who has already been Confirmed, and have received the Holy Eucharist.
- I am leading a life in harmony with the faith; i.e., practicing Catholics (attending Mass).
- If am married, my most recent marriage was/is before a Catholic priest or deacon.
 - Name of Parish & City: _____ Date: _____
- I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- I acknowledge that I have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.

****Non-Catholic Witness (Can.874.2)** A baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness. A Christian Witness does not need to complete this form.

Being a godparent is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. It implies a real appreciation of the Catholic faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the child and parents of the baptized.

I declare that I am a registered and participating member of the parish listed below and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a godparent. I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the parents of the child in their Christian duty to bring up their child in the Catholic faith and help their child lead a Christian life.

Godparent's name: (please print) _____

Godparent's signature: _____

Name of Godparent's Parish _____ City/State _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GODPARENT'S PASTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

I certify that the above information is correct and that the person may serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of priest (or staff) _____ Date _____

Please Affix Parish Seal: