

## Certificate of Eligibility for Godparents

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please read these requirements before signing**

The Certificate of Eligibility is a statement that the Godmother and Godfather are members in good standing in the parish in which they worship and that they are competent to act as godparent/sponsor.

The Church has established the following norms governing the qualifications needed to be a Godparent. All of these must be true in order to serve as a Catholic Godparent.

1. I am at least 16 years old.
2. I am a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist
3. I am married in the Catholic church.
4. I lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
5. I am canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics in an invalid marriage (civil marriage only) and those that are cohabitating (living together without marriage) cannot serve as a godparent/sponsor
6. Not be the father or mother of the one to be 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal

