



Our Lady of the Angels

Catholic Church • Lakewood Ranch, FL

GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY LETTER

MEANING AND ROLE OF GODPARENT:

- You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation. A Godparent is a person who assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the candidate's faith. The purpose is to ensure that the rich and beautiful Faith of the Church is passed on to the child in the most loving and authentic way. In accepting this very important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the special responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please sign the statement of eligibility, and have your parish priest/deacon sign and seal the bottom portion (*cf. Code of Canon Law, c.872*).
- The Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (*cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 873*). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A GODPARENT:

I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation of the Roman Catholic Church:

- Baptism** – *Date and Church where Baptized:* _____
- Holy Communion** – *Date and Church of First Communion:* _____
- Confirmation** – *date and Church of Confirmation:* _____

- Y N I am at least sixteen years of age or older.
- Y N ___ If married, I have received the Sacrament in the Roman Catholic Church.
 ___ If married, I didn't receive the Sacrament in the Roman Catholic Church.
(Date and Church of Marriage): _____
 ___ If single, I am not living with someone outside of marriage.
- Y N I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic. I receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. I have given witness to my Faith in Jesus Christ in word and deed and strive to live out my commitment to the Gospel message.
- Y N I am a registered member of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Lakewood Ranch, FL since _____ and fulfill my obligations to the Parish to the best of my ability.
- Y N I promise to give support to (*candidate's name*) _____ by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life.

GODPARENT AGREEMENT:

I solemnly declare before God to the truth of what are stated here above. I _____

desire to assume the obligation of Godparent for the Sacrament of: ___ Baptism ___ Confirmation

Godparent's address: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

(This part is to be filled out by the Parish of the requesting Godparent)

This certifies that the above named person has attested to the above requirements. This person is / is not known to me.

Parish Seal

Priest/deacon's Name: _____

Priest/deacon's Signature: _____

Date: _____