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Saint Mary
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism Godparent Approval

Responsibilities of a Godparent

The responsibility of the godparent is to provide the Baptismal candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk, and to take care that the baptized person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations of being a Catholic. Being a godparent is a lifelong commitment. A godparent takes on the role of a spiritual parent who brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help the baptized individual live as a true disciple of Christ.

Qualifications in order to be a Godparent

A godparent must be at least 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. The godparent must put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church, regularly take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and if married, married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church. Catholics who are not actively affiliated with and participating in a Catholic parish, or were not sacramentally married (either in a Civil ceremony, before a Justice of the Peace, or before a minister of a Protestant church or Rabbi without proper dispensation, or who are divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church), may not be admitted as a godparent. A godparent cannot be the mother or father of the person to be baptized.

Your Commitment

If you are seeking to be admitted as a godparent and are qualified in accord with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn commitment:

I, (print) _____, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will carry out, to the best of my ability, the obligations of my role as godparent.

Sponsor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sponsor's Parish _____ **City/State** _____

Candidate's Name (print) _____

Ceremony Date _____

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor _____

Date _____

** An original copy with the **raised parish seal** must be received by the church where the Baptism is taking place before the sacramental celebration.*