

Eligibility for Baptismal Godparent/Christian Witness

St. William Parish

Godparent/Christian Witness Name: _____

I am registered member of _____ Parish/Church

Parish/Church Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

I have been asked to serve as a Catholic Godparent/ Christian Witness for: _____

(Name of the child who will be initiated in the church through the Sacrament of Baptism)

PLEASE READ THE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Canon 872, 873, and 874 of the code of Canon Law list those requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism.

**I understand that to be able to serve as a Catholic Godparent/Christian Witness,
I must meet the following requirements established in Church Law:**

- Yes / No Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
- Yes / No Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Yes / No Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Yes / No Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
- Yes / No Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. This would indicate that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations), and those who are co-habiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.
- Yes / No A godparent must be a registered, active Catholic in their parish church: a non-Catholic, baptized Christian must also be a registered, active member of their Christian faith community.
- Yes / No Must not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

In the name of the Lord God, I, the undersigned, declare that I fulfill the above requirements. I am a practicing Catholic/baptized Christian; I am consistent in my Sunday worship of God at the Liturgy and I support my parish/church in its endeavors. I will strive to be an example of a Christian living to the person I am sponsoring.

Godparent Name: _____ Godparent signature: _____
(Please print or type)

THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED OUT BY YOUR PASTOR OR HIS STAFF:

I certify that _____ is a member of this Parish.

Date _____ (Rev) or staff _____

(Signature)

Comments _____ Parish Seal or Stamp