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BAPTISM SPONSOR FORM

Name of Child to be Baptized

To be completed by the Godparent: (Please type or print clearly)

Name of Godparent: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Church of your Baptism: _____
(Name of Church) (City/State)

Date of Baptism: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____

Church of your Confirmation: _____
(Name of Church) (City/State)

Are You Married? YES NO By a Catholic Priest/Deacon? YES NO

Church of your Marriage: _____
(Name of Church) (City/State)

"I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and I have both the desire and the intention to fulfill it."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This portion **must be completed and sealed** by the priest at the parish of the Godparent.

I know the above named person to be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This person participates regularly in the life of the Catholic Church, is bound by no canonical penalty, and is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in sponsoring the Catholic Initiation of another.

YES _____ NO _____ OTHER _____ (please comment on separate sheet)

SIGNATURE OF PRIEST: _____ **Date:** _____

Parish: _____ **[SEAL]**

Qualifications to be a Sponsor (Godparent) at Baptism

The role of the Sponsor (Godparent) is “together with the parents, to present an infant at baptism, and ...helps the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully to obligations connected with it.” [Canon 872]. Thus, the Church has established the following norms governing the qualifications needed to be a sponsor (Godparent).

The sponsor must:

- ✓ Be at least sixteen (16) years old
- ✓ Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist
- ✓ IF MARRIED, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church
- ✓ Be leading a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken
- ✓ Not bound by any canonical penalty
- ✓ Not be the mother or father of the one to be baptized [Canon 874]

Only one Godfather and/or Godmother can be baptismal sponsors [Canon 873], but additional Catholic persons may act as witnesses at the baptism. In addition, “a baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor. [Canon 874.2].

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