



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

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Godparent / Sponsor Form

It is the custom of the Catholic Church that a godparent or sponsor is present at the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The role of the godparent or sponsor, together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, is to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church, and to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life. The role of a godparent or sponsor is so important that the Church gives guidance on what is necessary to fulfill it well. The following statements come from the requirements for godparents and sponsors as set forth in the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church.

I, _____ have been asked to be
a **godparent** or **sponsor** for _____
please select one full name of person to be baptized or confirmed

The **baptism** or **confirmation** will be held on _____
please select one date

at _____ in _____
name of church city and state

Please initial each true statement:

- _____ I am at least 16 years of age.
- _____ I am an active, practicing Catholic and have been baptized and confirmed.
I am a registered parishioner; attend Mass regularly and participate in the sacraments; serve the parish using gifts of time, talent, and treasure; and participate in parish opportunities for spiritual growth.
- _____ I am not the father, mother, step-parent, or custodial guardian of the candidate.
- _____ I am canonically free to serve as a godparent or sponsor, and live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.
If married, I was married in accordance with the requirements of the Church. If not married, I am not cohabitating.

I, _____, an active, practicing Catholic seeking to serve as a godparent or sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as a godparent or sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

_____ is a registered parishioner of
_____ Catholic Church, is a practicing
Catholic in good standing, and is eligible to serve as a godparent or sponsor.

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Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____