



Ave Maria Catholic Church

Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility

I have been asked to be a godparent/ sponsor in accordance with Can. 874: *To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must: be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the Pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function; have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan Bishop has established another age, or the Pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.*

I, _____ am a registered member of _____ Parish in _____ (city, state). I have been asked to stand as godparent/sponsor for _____ as s/he receives the sacrament of (please circle) Baptism/Confirmation.

In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that (please check each that applies):

- _____ 1. I have received the sacraments of initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- _____ 2. I am at least 16 years of age.
- _____ 3. I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith by receiving Holy Communion.
- _____ 4. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.
- _____ 5. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.
- _____ 6. *If married:* I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest or deacon; married by a minister with proper dispensation; or had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church.
If single: I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church.
- _____ 7. I am not the mother or father of the one to be baptized.

Signature of Godparent/sponsor _____ Date: _____

Pastor/Administrator's Acknowledgement:

As Pastor, I verify that the above named-person is a registered member of the above named parish.

Pastor/Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please complete and return to the parish office.