

Full name of person to be baptized or confirmed _____

According to the Code of Canon Law, §872 and §874, a Godparent/Sponsor must meet ALL of the following requirements. Please initial next to each requirement if you meet that requirement.

_____ The Diocese of Grand Rapids requires Godparents/Sponsors to be at least sixteen (16) years old, but over the age of twenty (20) is recommended. Therefore, I declare that I am sufficiently mature to fulfill the responsibilities of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ I fully initiated in the Catholic Church, meaning, I have received the three (3) Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion

_____ (IF MARRIED) I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married in the Catholic Church by a priest or deacon with at least two (2) witnesses, or *married by another minister with proper dispensation from the Bishop.*

_____ (IF SINGLE) I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church (not cohabitating).

_____ Barring circumstances beyond my control, I strive to follow the five (5) precepts of the Church, 1) I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation 2) I confess my sins at least once a year 3) I receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season 4) I observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church 5) I help to provide for the needs of the Church.

_____ I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

_____ I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches to be true, revealed by God, and necessary for salvation. Furthermore, I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

I declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic Parish (listed below) and that I meet all the requirements (listed above) to be a Godparent/Sponsor. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person to be baptized/confirmed by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example and do accept my obligations to him/her and the Catholic Church. I promise to the best of my ability to encourage the child/adult to participate in the Sacramental life of the Church.

Godparent/Sponsor Name: _____

Name of Godparent's/Sponsor's Church: _____ City/State: _____

Name of Church of Godparent's/Sponsor's Baptism: _____ City/State: _____

Date of Godparent's/Sponsor's Baptism (approx.): _____ Confirmation: _____

Godparent/Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

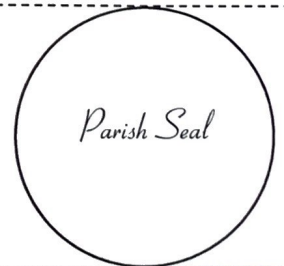
Pastor's Certification

This is to certify that _____ is a:

_____ Catholic in good standing and meets the requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ registered parishioner of _____ Parish.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Christian Witness Commitment Form (for a non-Catholic godparent for Baptism)

_____ I have never been baptized in the Catholic Church.

_____ I am a Christian baptized in the _____ church.

_____ I practice my faith/religion on a regular basis and promise to be a role model to support the parents of this child.

Christian Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____