



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SPONSOR APPLICATION FORM for the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

I, _____, have been asked
(SPONSOR'S FULL NAME-PRINTED CLEARLY)

to be a Baptism Sponsor for _____,
(CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED FULL NAME)

who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

on _____ .
(DATE OF BAPTISM)

As one willing to be a BAPTISM SPONSOR I **solemnly vow that:** *(Please initial each true statement)*

_____ I have received the Sacrament of Baptism

_____ I am Confirmed in the Catholic Church

_____ I have received my First Communion in the Catholic Church

_____ I am **not** the parent of the one to be baptized

_____ I am at least sixteen years of age or older

_____ I am single, divorced, widowed, separated and I am NOT cohabitating with
someone (living together as if married)

_____ If married, I am married in the Catholic Church: _____
(DATE OF CATHOLIC MARRIAGE)

(NAME OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH / CITY, STATE, COUNTRY)

How many times a year do you attend Sunday Mass? _____

The Religion I practice is: _____

My parish is _____ located in _____
(NAME OF THE CHURCH YOU ATTEND) (CITY, STATE)

I promise to give my support to my godchild by prayers, my continued interest in his/her growth as a Catholic, and the Christian example of my daily life. I do hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all the above requirements to act as a Baptism Sponsor.

(SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE)

____/____/____
(DATE)

(PHONE NUMBER)



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REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM SPONSORS

Why the Sacrament of Baptism?

Prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissioned his apostles to make disciples of all nations, “baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). Through Baptism, God enables us to participate in his life in Jesus Christ, cleansing us of original sin and makes us adopted children of God. It is through this sacrament that we receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the People of God, of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. The gift of faith received in Baptism is entrusted to the parents, godparents, the family and the Church to help the baptized grow closer to Christ every day and receive eternal life in heaven. Baptism becomes our commitment to grow in this new life and to strive to acquire spiritual maturity. “Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ.

Baptism is necessary for salvation. Mark 16:16 states: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

What is the role of a Baptism Sponsor?

Whenever a person is baptized, as an infant, as a child, or as an adult, there should be at least one person present who will act as sponsor for the one being baptized. The sponsor, commonly referred to as one’s godmother or godfather, accepts the responsibility of helping the person grow in the Catholic faith. One who acts as a sponsor for an infant or child agrees to help the parent teach their child about the faith and how to live as a practicing Catholic. One who acts as a sponsor for an adult agrees to encourage and support the person, pray with and for the person, and offer whatever help, information, or support is needed while the person is preparing to enter the Church and then is living out the rest of his or her life as a practicing Catholic.

It is a serious role that is a lifetime commitment. It is the responsibility of the godparent to show the candidate how to practice the Gospel in personal and social life and to be for the candidate a bearer of Christian witness and a guardian over growth in baptismal life.



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What are the requirements of the Church for being a Baptism Sponsor?

- At least one sponsor is required for baptism. If there are two sponsors, then they must be a man and a woman.
- A sponsor must have received the **Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist**.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and may be male or female, regardless of the sex of the candidate.
- A sponsor must demonstrate an authentic lifestyle that is in communion with the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Being authentic means actively becoming who God created us to be by living according to the dignity in which He uniquely created each of us. This allows us to encourage and guide others through the example of our faith journey.
- A sponsor must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, must be married in the Catholic Church and if single, must be striving to live a chaste life and therefore cannot be living with a person outside of marriage.
- A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist and frequently receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).
- A non-Catholic Christian or someone who does not meet the requirements cannot officially be a godparent, but if they are living their Christian faith, they can stand with a godparent as a “Christian Witness” to the baptism.