



Saint James Catholic Church

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Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Such a person assumes, along with his parents, responsibility for the child's faith. In reflecting on this very important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please initial each line, fill in the information needed, sign the statement of eligibility and have your parish sign and seal the bottom portion.

From the Code of Canon Law: A sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canons #874 & 893)

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following:

___ I am at least 16 years of age.

___ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

___ I am validly married in the Catholic Church.

Year and Church of Marriage: _____

___ OR I am unmarried and not cohabitating with a romantic partner.

___ I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and Penance regularly.

___ I understand and accept the responsibility which I undertake as a sponsor, and I promise to be an example that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. I am prepared to assist the Candidate by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

I, _____, affirm that I fully meet the above eligibility requirements
(Printed name of the Godparent)

and accept the invitation to be a Godparent at the Baptism of _____.
(Printed name of the person to be baptized/confirmed)

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Priest's Affirmation

This is to certify that the above is a registered member of this Parish in good standing and, to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Godparent.

Priest's Signature

Parish Seal

Parish

Date