Name : _____

Sponsor/Godparent Form

It is the ancient custom of the Church that, at Baptism of infants, godparents be present to represent the expanded spiritual family of the child and the role of the in the child's life. Later, godparents help teach the children the Catholic faith by serving as a good of example of it. Older children and adults receiving sacraments have a sponsor. A sponsor is a person who assumes responsibility to help the growing child in his/her faith. Each child being baptized may have either a godfather or a godmother or both. At confirmation, each young person may have one sponsor.

Requirements of a Sponsor or Godparent:

A sponsor must be a **member of the Catholic Church**.

They must have received the Sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation** and **First Communion.**

They must be a **good example** of what it means to be a Catholic Christian (i.e. attending Mass Weekly, receiving Communion, attempting to live according to the church's laws.)

Those who are **married outside of the church** or who are living (as husband and wife) with someone to whom they are not married are **not** permitted to be sponsors or godparents.

Name of Sponsor: _____

I understand that, as a sponsor or Godparent, I accept that responsibility to be a good Christian example to the child which I am sponsoring. I further certify that I am an active Catholic in good standing with no church law preventing my serving as a sponsor (marriages outside of the church, incomplete reception of the Sacraments, etc.).

Sponsor Name: _____ Date: _____

This certifies that the above person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing. I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor or godparent for a sacrament.

Parish of Sponsor/Godparent: _____ Seal:

Parish Address: _____

Parish Address: _____

Pastor Name: _____

Pastor Signature: _____

Date: _____

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