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BAPTISM SPONSOR
Certificate of Eligibility

Canons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists the requirements of those who serve as sponsors (Godparents) for the Sacrament of Baptism as:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake the responsibility
2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
3. Must be no less than 16 years of age
4. Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good moral life worthy of imitation; and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
5. Must be an actively practicing Catholic, participating at Mass on Sundays and Holydays, and receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
6. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. (This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage [not according to Catholic Church regulations] and those that are cohabitating [living together without marriage] cannot serve as a sponsor).

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I declare that I am a registered member of the Parish listed below and that I meet all the requirements (listed above) to be a sponsor (Godparent).

Sponsor's Name: _____

Name of Sponsor's Church Parish: _____

City and State: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent's of child to be baptized: _____

Name of child to be baptized: _____

Church Parish where baptism is to take place: _____

To be completed by your pastor

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism.

Name of Parish: _____

Date: _____ (Rev.) _____