

Baptismal Application Form

Name of Child as recorded on the Birth Certificate:

Child's Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Child Adopted? Yes or No

Child's Place of Birth, City and State: _____, _____

Parent's Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Father's First, Middle, Last Name: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____

Father is a practicing Catholic? Yes or No Other: _____

Received: ☐ Baptism ☐ Confirmation ☐ First Eucharist

Married in the Catholic Church? Yes or No Church attending: _____

Mother's First, Middle, Last Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Mother is a practicing Catholic? Yes or No Other: _____

Received: ☐ Baptism ☐ Confirmation ☐ First Eucharist

Married in the Catholic Church? Yes or No Church attending: _____

Godfather's First and Last Name _____

Godfather is a practicing Catholic, and has received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist? Yes or No

If this person is not Catholic, what denomination? _____

If Married, was it in the Catholic Church? Yes or No

Church attending: (Name, City and State) _____

Godmother's First and Last Name _____

Godmother is a practicing Catholic, and has received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist? Yes or No

If this person is not Catholic, what denomination? _____

If Married, was it in the Catholic Church? Yes or No

Church attending: (Name, City and State) _____

☐ A copy of the state registered birth certificate must be supplied to the office.

If child is adopted, a copy of the adoption papers must be supplied to the office.

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Baptismal Class Requirement Met: _____

Scheduled Baptism Date _____

Priest/Deacon Full Name _____

Baptism Completion Date _____

☐ Recorded in Book

☐ Recorded in PS

Guidelines for Selecting a Godparent

What is a godparent?

According to the Code of Canon Law, a Godparent will, together with the parents, help the baptized to lead a Christian life and fulfill the obligations of baptism. Godparents will assist in the child's spiritual growth and provide support in their faith journey. They will act as role models and encourage your child to develop into a faith-filled, practicing Catholic.

What should we consider in choosing a godparent?

Being a Godparent isn't simply an honorary title. Godparents are to serve a special role in your child's life and must be selected carefully. One should not be selected simply because of a blood relationship or as a way to acknowledge a deep friendship; there are other ways to do that. The Godparent should be someone who is living their life in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. They should be a faith-filled Catholic who is willing and able to share that faith with your child.

Are there any requirements for godparents?

According to Canon Law, the following requirements must be met in order for one to function as a godparent:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be a fully initiated Catholic, meaning that they have been baptized, received the sacrament of the Eucharist and Confirmation, and is living their life in accord with the teachings of the Church
- Not bound by any canonical penalty
- Not the mother or father of the one being baptized
- If married, married in the Catholic Church

How many godparents can we select?

Canon Law says "this is to be only one male sponsor, one female sponsor, or one of either gender."

Can a Non-Catholic Christian act as godparent, if there is only one Catholic godparent?

No, but they may act as a Christian Witness and these are the requirements:

- A Christian Witness is a validly baptized non-Catholic who practices their faith in Christ in a visible and sincere manner.
- A person who was baptized and raised as a Catholic, but has chosen to leave the Catholic Church And has joined another Christian Church, may not stand as a Christian Witness at a Catholic Baptism.

Are godparents the same as legal guardians?

No, Godparents, together with the parents, help encourage the spiritual life of a child. They are not obligated to take custody of the child in the absence of the parents

The role of a godparent is to help the baptized child lead a Christian life and fulfill the obligations of baptism. According to the Code of Canon Law, godparents assist in the child's spiritual growth and provide support in their faith journey. They are expected to be active participants in the Catholic faith, living a life that reflects their commitment to the Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, and be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

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