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SPONSOR / GODPARENT FORM

Being a sponsor/ godparent is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being confirmed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church States:

For Baptism: “For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents’ help is important. So too is the role of the sponsors or godparents who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized child or adult on the road of Christian life.”

For Confirmation “Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the ‘character,’ which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of the Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness.”

Because of the importance of the sponsor, Church law requires that the person be:

1. no younger than sixteen years of age;
2. a Baptized, Confirmed and practicing Catholic; and
3. a Catholic who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

Please complete the following:

Please Print

(Your Name) _____

(Date of Birth) _____

(Church of Baptism) _____

(Approx.Date of Baptism) _____

(City & State) _____

(Approx.Date & Place of Confirmation) _____

(Parish where you are registered) _____

(City & State) _____

I declare the above to be true and my willingness to accept the office of sponsor/godparent for

(Name of Baptismal/Confirmation Candidate) _____

(Signature)

(Date)