

GODPARENT/SPONSOR AFFIRMATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Parish ~ Diocese of Phoenix

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Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are COMMITTING to play a SIGNIFICANT role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A GODPARENT/SPONSOR:

FROM THE CODE OF CANON LAW: Godparent/Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics over sixteen years of age, who have been confirmed and have received the Sacrament of Eucharist. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canon Law 872-874, & 893).

The sponsor/godparent being considered:

- A. sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church;
- B. prayerfully assists each Sunday mass and Holy Days of Obligation; and
- C. if married, person was married with the requirements of the Catholic Church. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; *-Catholics who are married by the Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church, and those cohabitating **DO NOT** meet the requirements of this role, therefore are not able to act as godparent/sponsor.*
- D. If single, he/she must be living according to the Church teaching.

REQUIRED

GODPARENT/SPONSOR MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF CERTIFICATES OF SACRAMENTS ALONG WITH THIS FORM:

- Copy of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, and Marriage certificate.
- Baptism class certificate (for those preparing to be baptism sponsors)

CHURCH LAW REQUIRES:

For the Sacrament of Baptism: Only one male or one female godparent. At most, two godparents are permitted, one of each sex. (Canon 873 *There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.*)

For the Sacrament of Confirmation: There is to be one sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament. (Canon 892).

The parents cannot be godparents/sponsor for their child.

Please contact the Parish Office or speak with a Faith Formation Director if you have questions and concerns.

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Print Legibly:

Name of Candidate for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation: _____
(a Candidate is the person who is to receive the sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation)

Name of Godparent/Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____
Include Street, City, State, and Zip Code

Name and Address of church you are currently registered and attending: _____

Include Street, City, State, and Zip Code

Church's Phone number: _____

AFFIRMATION OF THE PROSPECTIVE GODPARENT/SPONSOR

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, please make the following solemn affirmation before God:

I, _____, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirement of the Catholic Church for this role as presented on this form. I promise, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will carry out the obligations of my role as godparent/sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a godparent/sponsor in the Catholic Church. **The portion below is to be signed and sealed by the Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish of Record (parish where godparent/sponsor is registered and currently attends):**

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Delegate

Date

Parish Name

City and State

PARISH SEAL

Godparent/Sponsor for:

Baptism

Confirmation