



Diocese of Richmond
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Godparent/ Sponsor Eligibility Form

You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism, or a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Such a person assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the child/ young person's faith. In accepting this role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please **initial** each line and fill in the sacrament information, sign the statement of eligibility and have your parish priest or deacon sign and seal the bottom portion.

The requirements below are based on the law of the Church and are not arbitrary expectations expected of any particular parish. The pastors of the Church have a duty to ensure that those serving as Godparents/ Sponsors can live a life in harmony with the faith and in keeping with the function to be undertaken (*cf.* canons 874, 893).

Mark the appropriate designation.

I am asked to serve as: ☐ Godparent for Baptism
☐ Sponsor for Confirmation

Name of Church and Address where sacrament will take place:

Requirements for a Godparent/ Sponsor:

☐ I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation of the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Catholic Baptism (Year and Church were baptized): _____

Catholic Holy Communion (Year and Church of First Communion): _____

Catholic Confirmation (Year and Church where Confirmed): _____

☐ I was validly baptized in a non-Catholic church but subsequently received into full communion
(Year and Name of Church of Baptism; and Year and Name of Church where received and/or Confirmed): _____

☐ I am at least sixteen years of age or older.

☐ If married, I have received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church
(or convalidation in the Catholic Church)

Indicate Year and Church of Marriage: _____

☐ If single, I am not living with someone outside of marriage recognized by the authority of the Church.

☐ I am a practicing Catholic; I adhere to the teachings of the Church.

☐ I promise to give support to _____ (candidate's name) by my prayers, my continued interest in his/ her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life.

Godparent/ Sponsor Agreement: I do hereby solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the requirements to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This portion is completed by the Church of the Godparent/ Sponsor:

This certifies that the above-named person is known to me as a person in good standing with the life of the Church. I testify that he/ she is qualified to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism, or Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name of Church: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parish

Pastor/ Delegate's Name: _____

Seal

Pastor/ Delegate's Signature: _____

Date: _____