

**St. John the Apostle Parish**

Villa Park, Illinois 60181

**Godparent / Sponsor Certificate**

**Role of a Godparent / Sponsor**

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 872). Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_ [Print your name],

desiring to assume the obligation of godparent/ sponsor for the Sacrament of

Check one: ( ) Baptism (Godparent) ( ) Confirmation (Sponsor)

on behalf of: [Insert name of child] \_\_\_\_\_

**In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that (please check each that applies):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I am at least 16 years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I participate regularly in weekly Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Him in Holy Communion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **If married:** I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest or deacon; married by a minister with proper dispensation; or had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **If single:** I am living a Christian life and not living with someone without the benefit of a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I am not the mother or father of the one to be baptized.

**I hereby testify before God and God’s minister to the truth of what is stated here above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

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This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and, to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as a godparent / sponsor for the Sacrament of: [Check one] ( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation

Parish Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Pastor / Deacon