



# SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

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## SPONSOR/GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

**Full name of person to be Baptized:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name of person you are sponsoring)

Please, read the following requirements carefully: these are dictated by the Law of the Church (Canon Law) and cannot be waived by the Pastor. *Forms are due in the Parish Office the Monday before the Baptism.*

### **From the Code of Canon Law:**

*Sponsors for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been Confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and the responsibilities required of the Sponsor/Godparent.*

**Canon Law 873:** One Sponsor, male or female is sufficient; there may be two, one of each sex.

**Canon Law 874/2:** A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community maybe admitted only in company with a Catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.

**I Hereby Affirm:** That I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that I am faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**I Hereby Affirm:** That I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly attending the celebration of the Mass every Sunday, and I am eligible to receive Holy Communion.

**If Married:** My marriage has been celebrated and or blessed in the Catholic Church

**If Not Married:** I am not acting as if I'm married by living with someone.

**If I have Children:** I am educating my children in the Catholic Church.

**I Affirm:** that I am registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Parish located at \_\_\_\_\_ and I participate in the life of my parish to the best of my abilities.

**I Affirm:** that I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

I do therefore solemnly swear that I meet all the above requirements, which are necessary to act as a sponsor and/or Godparent, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's Name – PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Signature of Sponsor's Pastor)