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Requirements for the Role of Godparent of Infant Baptism

Name of Child to be baptized: _____

Name of Godparents: _____

(If two Catholic godparents are chosen each godparent needs to have this sheet)

Parents may choose godparents (sponsors) for their children from among the family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parents may choose a godfather and a godmother. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of baptism but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian Life.

Therefore, Church Law requires that godparents be people who are living the Catholic Faith and meet the following qualifications (Canons 872 – 874)

- They should be at least 16 years of age.
- They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith. Fallen away Catholics may not serve as godparents.
- If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. They may not be divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church.
- Parents of the child to be baptized may not serve as god parents to their own child.

I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic Church named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a godparent for baptism. I promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic faith and by helping the child to lead a Christian life.

Godparent's signature: _____ Date: _____

I am a member of (Name of Parish) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____

I certify that _____ has been interviewed concerning the above requirements and indicate that he/she is a Catholic in good standing and are qualified to serve as godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Date: _____

Pastor

Parish Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

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