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### Requirements for the Role of Godparent of Infant Baptism

Name of Child to be baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents may choose godparents (sponsor) for their children from among 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 godparents 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 is qualified to serve as godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_