

## GODPARENT FORM

*To be completed by the Godparent and Affirmed by the Parent of the child to be baptized and submitted 2 weeks prior to the baptism.*

NAME of child to be Baptized (first and last name- please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church where the child will be Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of proposed Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEANING AND ROLE OF GODPARENT:

You have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism. A Godparent is a person who assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the child's faith. The purpose is to ensure that the rich and beautiful faith of the Church is passed on to the child in the most loving and authentic way possible. In accepting this very important 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, attest to the information below, sign the statement of eligibility and have this from submitted at last one week prior to the baptism.

From the Code of Canon Law: A sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canons #874 & 893)

### REQUIREMENTS FOR A GODPARENT (please put a check on each line and provide info as needed)

\_\_\_ I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation of the Roman Catholic Church: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation

\_\_\_ I am at least sixteen years of age or older.

\_\_\_ If married, I have received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church (complete line below).

    Date and name of the church of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ If single, I am not living with someone (cohabitation) outside of marriage.

\_\_\_ I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and Holy Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic.

\_\_\_ I celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year and strive to get to confession if I fall into mortal sin.

\_\_\_ I have given witness to my faith in Jesus Christ in word and deed and strive to live out my commitment to the Gospel message. I intend to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith.

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

\_\_\_ I am a registered member of a parish (name): \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

### GODPARENT AGREEMENT:

I do solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the requirements to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Godparent's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Godparent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT AFFIRMATION: (This portion is to be completed by the PARENT of the Child to be Baptized)

I certify that to be best of my ability, the above-named person is known to me as a Roman Catholic in good standing. I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parent (s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_