

# Certificate to Serve as a Godparent or Sponsor for

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Name of Catechumen or Candidate

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent/sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. A godparent/sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent/sponsor, a person must:

- ✘ Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) and is not in an irregular marriage, or living a life of habitual sin;
- ✘ Be at least sixteen years of age;
- ✘ Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent or sponsor;
- ✘ Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

**I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I HEREBY TESTIFY that** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of godparent/sponsor)

**is a registered member of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of parish)

**and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*[Parish Seal on this page is ordinarily required]*