

## Godparent/Sponsor Form

### Meaning and Role of Godparent/Sponsor:

You have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor for the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation. A sponsor or godparent is a person who assumes, along with the parents, the responsibility for the child or candidate's faith. The purpose is to ensure that the rich and beautiful faith of the Church is passed on to them in the most loving and authentic way. 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 fulfill in this person's spiritual life. After reflection, please complete all the following, sign the statement of eligibility, and have your parish sign and seal the bottom portion. A parent may not serve as a godparent or sponsor (Canon Law #874).

### Requirements for a Godparent or Sponsor (all below):

**Please initial as you make the promises *and* fill in the required information.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that I am striving to live an exemplary Christian life, and I:

- \_\_\_\_\_ am at least 16 years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ am a member of the Roman Catholic Church and registered at a parish.  
Godparent/Sponsor's current church of membership: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ have received the Sacrament of Baptism.  
Godparent/Sponsor's church and date of Catholic Baptism (or Catholic Profession of Faith): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.  
Godparent/Sponsor's church and date of Catholic First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
Godparent/Sponsor's church and date of Catholic Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Mass weekly, regularly receiving Communion, and receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If Catholic and living as married, I have received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.  
Godparent/Sponsor's church and date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a single Catholic person not living with a partner outside of a sacramental marriage.

*Note: Godparents and sponsors who are currently married need to be models of their Catholic faith by living in a sacramentally valid marriage. Those who are not living out a sacramental marriage are invited to seek that, but are not eligible to be godparents/sponsors in their current situation. The priests at St. Lawrence are happy to help them with preparation for a sacramental marriage.*

I verify the above and solemnly promise that I fulfill these requirements, and will serve my best as a godparent/sponsor of \_\_\_\_\_, child of \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of godchild or candidate Parents of child if a minor

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent or Sponsor

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Godparent or Sponsor email address & phone number

A baptized Christian who is not Catholic may act as a Christian witness if there is also a Catholic Godparent. This does not apply to Sponsors.

### This part is to be filled out by the church of the requesting godparent/sponsor.

This certifies that the above-named person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing.

I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a or godparent/sponsor.

Church Seal Church of Godparent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church address & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

