

Godparent's Information

Eligibility of Godparent(s):

Canon 873 : There is to be only one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each.

The following are requirements in order for a Catholic godparent (Canon 274 §1):

- at least 16 years of age
- he/she has been fully initiated into the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- in good standing with the Catholic Church: live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; not canonical penalty
- not the father or mother of the one to be baptized

Godparent (Full Legal Name): _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Current Parish: _____ City: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fulfills the requirements of Canon 874 §1.

Godparent (Full Legal Name): _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Current Parish: _____ City: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fulfills the requirements of Canon 874 §1.

Christian Witness' Information

Eligibility of Christian Witness:

A Christian Witness for baptism must be a validly baptized Christian of a non-Catholic Church (Canon 874 §2)

A Christian Witness may only participate together with a Catholic sponsor (Canon 874 §2)

Christian Witness (Full Legal Name): _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Denomination: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fulfills the requirements of Canon 874 §2.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form (Pages 1 & 2) is true and accurate.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



RE-EXAMINING MY FAITH AS A MOTHER

Please spend some time reflecting on and answering these questions. Each Catholic mother is requested to complete this form. Please include this completed document with your Baptismal Registration forms.

For me FAITH makes a difference in my life because:

I am Catholic because:

My understanding of the Church is:

For me, it is important to have my child baptized because:

I see my responsibility in having my child baptized as:

My belief in Jesus and my belonging to the Church makes these differences in my personal and family life:

"The Baptism of our child will bring deeper meaning when we are an active part of a Parish family." Please explain:

"God parents are invited and encouraged to assist the parents in introducing and forming the child in Christian living." Please explain how these relationships will impact your child's life:



RE-EXAMINING MY FAITH AS A FATHER

Please spend some time reflecting on and answering these questions. Each Catholic father is requested to complete this form. Please include this completed document with your Baptismal Registration forms.

For me FAITH makes a difference in my life because:

I am Catholic because:

My understanding of the Church is:

For me, it is important to have my child baptized because:

I see my responsibility in having my child baptized as:

My belief in Jesus and my belonging to the Church makes these differences in my personal and family life:

"The Baptism of our child will bring deeper meaning when we are an active part of a Parish family." Please explain:

"God parents are invited and encouraged to assist the parents in introducing and forming the child in Christian living." Please explain how these relationships will impact your child's life:



FOR A PARENT FROM ANOTHER CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Please spend some time reflecting on and answering these questions.

Each non-Catholic parent is requested to complete this form. Please include this completed document with your Baptismal Registration forms.

For me FAITH makes a difference in my life because:

As someone from another Christian tradition, my understanding of the Catholic Church is:

As someone from another Christian tradition, my understanding of Baptism is:

As a spouse from another Christian tradition, I support the Baptism of my child because:

As a spouse from another Christian tradition, I will contribute to my child's faith development by:

My belief in Jesus and my belonging to the Church makes these differences in my personal and family life:

"The Baptism of our child will bring deeper meaning when we are an active part of a Parish family." Please explain:

"God parents are invited and encouraged to assist the parents in introducing and forming the child in Christian living." Please explain how these relationships will impact your child's life:



HELPFUL TIPS FOR CHOOSING GODPARENTS

Having made the decision to have your child baptized, you are now faced with another decision; the choice of your child's godparents. A godparent is not simply a witness on the day of the Baptism or a good example of virtue, but someone you want in your child's life to help in imparting the faith to your child. Inviting someone to be a godparent is:

- A request by the parents for the assistance of the Christian community, particularly the individual godparents, in raising their child in the Catholic faith.
- An affirmation of the Catholic faith of the individuals invited to be godparents and a challenge to them to witness their faith.
- A statement by the parents that they want their child to be positively influenced by the faith and lives of the people they have invited.
- A reminder of the entire community that it has shared responsibility to support each of its members.

The child must have at least one Catholic godparent. If you wish, you may choose two, one male and one female. The person chosen should:

- Be mature enough to carry out the responsibilities of godparents (age 16 years or older)
- Be someone who is committed to the Catholic faith, regularly attending Sunday Mass and giving witness to the Gospel in everyday life.
- Be willing to profess the Catholic faith with the parents immediately before the actual pouring of baptismal water and should have no reservations about doing so.
- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Be willing, in whatever way he or she can, to cooperate actively with the parents in helping to bring the child up as a Catholic.

For obvious reasons, only a member of the Catholic Church (or Eastern Orthodox Church) may be a godparent. Members of non-Catholic communities, although they may be very good Christians, do not share sufficiently in our belief to be committed to raising the child in all the truths of the Catholic faith.

Parents choose godparents for a variety of reasons; however, the spiritual welfare of your child should be the only motivating factor for your choice of godparents.

Our prayers are with you throughout this wonderful process.