



Godparents & Christian Witnesses

Role of the Godparent

A godparent (also called a “sponsor”) “together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it” (Canon 872).

Who can be Godparent?

Godparents must be able and willing to model the Catholic faith and help the child being baptized to grow in his/her relationship with God. To serve in this role, a person must also:

- have completed the sixteenth year of age,
- be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion,
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.

Can a non-Catholic be a Godparent?

A baptized non-Catholic can serve as a “Christian Witness” in place of *one* of the Godparents. This person’s role is to help the parents raise their child in the Catholic faith by providing a Christian witness of life.

Is there any boring paperwork involved?

Godparents and Christian Witnesses must fill out the appropriate sections of the form on the flip side of this page indicating that they are aware of their responsibilities and are committed to living them.



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The child to be baptized

Name of child to be baptized: _____

Name of the child's parents: _____

For Godparents

I hereby affirm my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and my fidelity to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

I affirm that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church (or been formally received into the Catholic Church).

Print name of Godparent: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For Christian Witnesses

Print name of Godparent: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

When completed, please return to:

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