

Sacred Heart Church
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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SPONSOR IN BAPTISM

Sponsor's Full Name (*print*) _____

Godchild or Candidate's Name: _____

The Laws of the Roman Catholic Church (canons 872 and 874) lists the requirements that a person must possess in order to qualify as a SPONSOR in Baptism. A sponsor

- **MUST** be mature in mind and spirit to undertake the responsibility;
- **MUST** be a Roman Catholic and **NOT** younger than 16 years old;
- **MUST** have received ALL the Sacraments of Initiation, i.e., Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist;
- **MUST** know the basic truths of the Roman Catholic faith and be a PRACTICING Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations, receives the Sacraments regularly, and practices the faith in his/her own family;
- **MUST** be a Roman Catholic in good standing and not impeded to receive the Sacraments (i.e., married in the Roman Catholic Church, **not** co-habiting or in a civil marriage; censured by the Church or prohibited by Church authorities)
- **MUST NOT** be the father or mother of the Child and/or candidate.

The same requirements above apply to a PROXY in case of an emergency.

I DECLARE THAT I AM A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH LISTED BELOW AND THAT I FULFILL ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHURCH LAW FOR SPONSORS.

Signature of Sponsor: _____

Address & Phone No.: _____

Information below to be filled out by the Sponsor's Pastor:

I CERTIFY THAT _____ (*Sponsor's Name*) is a member of this Church Community, has fulfilled all the requirements of Canon Law for Sponsors, and is truly qualified to act as a Sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation.

Pastor's Name: _____
Print Name *Signature*

Parish: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____