

St. John the Apostle Parish

Villa Park, Illinois 60181

Godparent / Sponsor Certificate

Role of a Godparent / Sponsor

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 872). Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

Therefore, I, _____ [Print your name],

desiring to assume the obligation of godparent/ sponsor for the Sacrament of

Check one: () Baptism (Godparent) () Confirmation (Sponsor)

on behalf of: [Insert name of child] _____

In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that (please check each that applies):

- _____ 1. I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).
- _____ 2. I am at least 16 years of age.
- _____ 3. I participate regularly in weekly Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Him in Holy Communion.
- _____ 4. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.
- _____ 5. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.
- _____ 6. **If married:** I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest or deacon; married by a minister with proper dispensation; or had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church.
- _____ 7. **If single:** I am living a Christian life and not living with someone without the benefit of a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.
- _____ 8. I am not the mother or father of the one to be baptized.

I hereby testify before God and God’s minister to the truth of what is stated here above.

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

This is to certify that _____ has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and, to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as a godparent / sponsor for the Sacrament of: [Check one] () Baptism () Confirmation

Parish Seal

Date

Signature of the Pastor / Deacon