

Holy Name of Jesus

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Godparent Registration Form

Dear Godparent,

Being selected as a Godparent is a very special honor. In choosing you as a Godparent, the parents are indicating that they see you as a model of the Catholic Faith and are asking you to be an advocate in helping to form this child in the ways of the Catholic Faith. This is not merely by words of instruction and teaching, but more so, by your example and the way you are living your life. Therefore, I hope you see this as a great honor and even greater responsibility.

A Godparent must be a faithfully, practicing Catholic in good standing (attending church every Sunday, receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession regularly and if married, must have been married in the Church. A Godparent has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and is at least 16 years of age. As a confirmed, adult Catholic, you are a guide and model to this child of how a mature Catholic ought to live. By being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of your parish, participating in Mass weekly, and living the Gospel values, you offer tremendous personal support to parents who are promising themselves to raise their child as a faithful Catholic.

The call to be a godparent bears with it great responsibility, giving a spiritual witness to your godchild of living out the Catholic faith should be evident in every day of your life. Therefore, it is important that you prayerfully consider the seriousness of this responsibility. If you are unable to live up to Catholic ideals, you should politely decline, the goal is that the child has the best person to nourish his/her faith in the years ahead.

REQUIREMENTS: The Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law lists these requirements for a person to be a valid and lawful godparent in Baptism:

- The godparent's role with the parents is to present the infant for the sacrament of Baptism and help the child live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.
- There may be only one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each.
- To be permitted to take on the function of godparent a person must:
 1. Be designated by the parent and must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility;
 2. At least 16 years of age;
 3. Received the three sacraments of initiation namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and live a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
 4. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared by the Church;
 5. Must not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized;

§2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Christian community may not be admitted as a godparent but as a witness to the Baptism together with a Catholic godparent.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Name of Child to be baptized: _____
First Middle Last

What is your relationship to this child (ie: aunt, uncle, friend, etc.) _____

Godparent Information:

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____
Home Cell

If the Sacramental information below is unknown, please provide a copy of your *Baptismal Certificate*
(A baptismal certificate may be obtained by contacting the church in which you were baptized.)

Church of Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____
Parish Name City/State

Church of Confirmation: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____
Parish Name City/State

Marital Status: Married Not Married

Church of Marriage: _____ Date of Marriage: _____
Parish Name City/State

Church you currently attend: _____
Parish Name Address City/State/Zip Code

Pastor's Name: _____ Parish Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

I, (*print full name*) _____, a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a Godparent, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as Godparent.

Godparent / Christian Witness: _____
Signature Date

To be completed by the Pastor of the Sponsor's parish, when complete return to Holy Name Catholic Church

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish and is a practicing Catholic in good standing; who is eligible to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of the baptism of this child.

Name of Parish: _____ ***Church Seal***

Pastor's signature: _____

Date: _____