



FORM FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESS OF BAPTISM

This form is only to be filled out in the case that a non-Catholic person is serving as godparent.

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Congratulations! You have been asked to be a Christian witness (godparent) for an upcoming baptism at St. Joseph Catholic Church. We ask you to reflect on your responsibilities as a godparent and fill out this commitment form. *Please return this form to our parish by mail, email, or fax as soon as possible to Fatima Monterrubio Cruess, Director of Christian Formation. It must be submitted no later than four days before the celebration of baptism.*

Role of a Godparent

To serve in this role is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the child in the ways of Christ and His Church. The Christian witness, together with the Catholic godparent, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparent will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 872). We thank you for your support and pray earnestly for the unity of all Christians.

Person to be Baptized: _____

Parents: _____

Full Name of Godparent: _____

I am currently a participating member of _____
(church)

in _____
(city) (state)

Please check **ALL** that apply:

- I am at least 16 years of age and not the parent of the child to be baptized.
- I was baptized at _____ church in the _____ faith tradition.
- I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and I promise to give my support to the godchild and to his/her parents by my prayers and by the example of my faith practiced in my daily life.

Godparent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____