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## GODPARENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

### Role of a Godparent/Sponsor

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility. The godparent/sponsor helps to present a candidate for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation, and by prayer and example continually encourages him/her to live the Christian life and faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 872). Because of this, the godparent/sponsor is expected to adhere fully to the teaching and practice of the Church.

Therefore, I \_\_\_\_\_, desiring to  
 (Name of Intended Godparent/Sponsor)

assume the obligation of godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of ( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation on behalf of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Candidate for Baptism/Confirmation)

do here declare that I understand the responsibilities of a godparent/sponsor and that I am willing by prayer and example to encourage and instruct him/her in living the Catholic faith.

Furthermore:

- I have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen years.
- I am not the parent of the person being baptized/confirmed.
- My manner of life is in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- [If married: My current marriage is canonically valid and recognized as such by the Catholic Church.]

**I hereby testify to the truth of what is stated here above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Intended Godparent/Sponsor)

*This section to be filled out by a member of the Pastoral Team at the Godparent/Sponsor's home parish:*

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of intended Godparent/Sponsor)

has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and, to the best of my knowledge, is a registered and active member of this parish, and is qualified to act as godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of: ( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Pastoral Team Member) (Date)

*Parish Seal*

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 (Name of Parish)