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Baptism/Confirmation Sponsor Requirements and Sponsor Certification

Code of Canon Law

872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Name of child/person to be Baptized or Confirmed: _____

Affirmation (to be completed by the potential sponsor)

Name and address _____

Phone number _____

Parish _____

Address of Parish _____

By checking in the appropriate boxes and signing below, I hereby affirm, so help me God, that:

1. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Yes ___ No ___
2. I practice my Catholic faith by joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass each week, Eucharist, and Sacramental Reconciliation. Yes ___ No ___
3. If I am married, that my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church. Not Married ___ Yes ___ No ___
4. If I have children, they are being raised in the Catholic Faith. No Children ___ Yes ___ No ___
5. I have received the sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Yes ___ No ___
6. I am an adult “in good standing” with the Catholic Church and I understand my role as sponsor.

Sponsor’s Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor/Parochial Vicar’s Signature _____ Date _____

(parish seal)