



# HOLY ROSARY

Church & Dominican Priory

## Requirements of Baptism/Confirmation Sponsors (Godparents) in the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church views the sponsor (godparent) for Baptism and Confirmation to be a religious and spiritual leader and model to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. The sponsor is one who, among other things, will be a good example of the Catholic faith and practice for the person being baptized or confirmed. Therefore, to be admitted as a sponsor a person must:

- be chosen by the one to be baptized/confirmed;
- be at least sixteen years of age;
- be a Catholic who has already received his/her First Holy Communion and Confirmation;
- be a practicing Catholic, namely:
  - attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation;
  - makes a Sacramental Confession of sins at least once a year;
  - receives Holy Communion at least once a year;
  - lives a life in keeping with the faith and morals of the Catholic Church;
  - not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
  - not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed;
  - have a letter from his/her pastor stating that he/she is a suitable candidate to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation.
  - If two godparents/sponsors are chosen for Baptism, one must be a male and one must be a female.
  - There is ordinarily only one sponsor for Confirmation.

Please note that these are the requirements of the universal Catholic Church and not just the policies of Holy Rosary Church. Therefore, they apply to all Catholics in every parish and are not negotiable.



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## Sacramental Sponsor Form

Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been invited to serve as a sponsor (godparent) for baptism/confirmation for

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(*name of person to be baptized/confirmed*)

(*name of church*)

I understand the importance of being a sponsor (godparent) and hereby affirm with my signature that I meet the following requirements for a sponsor as established by the church's teaching and law.

\_\_\_ I am at least sixteen years of age.

\_\_\_ I am a baptized Catholic and I have received my first holy communion and my confirmation.

\_\_\_ I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

\_\_\_ I make a sacramental confession of my sins to a priest at least once a year.

\_\_\_ I receive holy communion at least once a year.

\_\_\_ I live a life in keeping with the faith and morals of the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_ I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

I hereby attest with my signature that I meet all of the aforementioned requirements to be a sacramental sponsor in the Catholic Church

Sponsor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I am the pastor of the above named candidate to be a sacramental sponsor. I affirm that this candidate is a practicing Catholic and a member of my parish, and that he/she meets the church's requirements to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish address: \_\_\_\_\_