

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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BAPTISM SPONSOR Certificate of Eligibility

Church Law (Canons 872 and 874) lists the requirements of those who serve as sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism as follows:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake the responsibility (16 yrs old).
2. Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
3. Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good moral life worthy of imitation; and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
4. Must be an actively practicing Catholic who attends weekly Mass.
5. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. (This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage and those that are cohabitating [living together without marriage] cannot serve as a sponsor).

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I meet all the requirements (listed above) to be a sponsor (Godparent).

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Date of Birth _____

Name of Household Registered Under _____

Address _____

Name of Sponsor's *Church* Parish _____

City and State _____ Phone Number _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

Name of child to be baptized _____

To be completed by your pastor:

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism.

Parish _____

Date _____ (Fr.) _____, Pastor