



SPONSOR FORM FOR BAPTISM

For the baptism of: _____
FULL NAME OF PERSON TO BE BAPIZED

who is the son/daughter of: _____
FATHER'S NAME & MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

The requirements for sponsors for infant or adult baptism as found in the Code of Canon Law are:

Can. 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.

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

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

1. 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;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. 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.

I **AFFIRM** that I have received all the Sacraments of Initiation, and I meet all the other necessary requirements to act as sponsor (godparent). If married, my marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. If I have children, my children are being educated in the Catholic faith.

I am a member of _____
(parish name and location) and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.

SPONSOR NAME (PRINTED)

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR

PARISH SEAL

PLEASE RETURN AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DATE OF BAPTISM TO:
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, 2305 W. MAIN ST., JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109 OR
BY EMAIL TO INFO@CATHEDRALJC.ORG 573.635.7991