ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

Spirit of Christ Catholic Community

Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you are serving as a godparent for baptism, please attend a preparation class at your parish prior to the scheduled baptism. Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents.**

Name of child receiving sacrament*:*

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last Name _____

Godparent or Sponsor:

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Your Catholic Parish:

Parish Name _____ City _____ State _____

Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

In accord with *Canon Law 874,* please provide the following information. **If you do not meet all of these requirements, please let the parents know immediately.**

1. A Godparent/Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation.
   Baptism: ☐ Yes ☐ No Confirmed in the Catholic Church: ☐ Yes ☐ No First Eucharist: ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. A Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized. Are you a parent of the child? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. For example:
   Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Do you follow the Ten Commandments? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Regarding the 6th Commandment, a Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.
   - If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
   - If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching.
   - Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements of this role.

   Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. *Godparent only* - I have attended a baptism preparation class in the past four months at my home parish or the parish of baptism.
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a godparent in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed by the Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish of Record:

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee _____ Date _____

(Seal)

Parish Name _____ Parish City/State _____