



SAINT MARY OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
515 FOURTH STREET SOUTH, SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33701
GODPARENT CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Child's Name: _____ **Date of Baptism:** _____

Canon 872, 873 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism:

- *The godparent's role is, together with the parent, to present the child for the sacrament of Baptism and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.*
- *Only one male and one female godparent is to be used.*

PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Being a godparent is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who can support the parents in the challenges of raising the child in the Catholic faith.

As a Godfather/Godmother:

- YES** **NO** I am at least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
- YES** **NO** I have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- YES** **NO** I know the fundamental truths of the Faith and I am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days and receives the sacraments regularly. If I have children, they have received the sacraments of the Catholic Church and are attending faith formation as Catholics.
- YES** **NO** I am a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. Catholics publically living in an invalid marriage (not married in a Catholic Church, or the marriage preparation was not done by a priest or deacon) and those who are co-habiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.
- YES** **NO** I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

I declare that I am a participating member of the Catholic Church and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law listed above to be a godparent. I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the parents of the child in their duty to bring up their child in the Catholic faith and help their child to lead a Christian life.

Godparent Name PRINTED

Godparent Signature

TO BE COMPLETED BELOW BY THE PASTOR AND SEALED WITH THE PARISH SEAL

I certify that the above person may serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of Priest (or staff) _____ Date _____

AFFIX PARISH SEAL

10/17/2019