



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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GODPARENT AFFIDAVIT FOR BAPTISM

Name of child to be baptized (print): _____

Name of godparent (print): _____

(If two Catholic godparents are chosen, one of these sheets is required for each godparent)

Parents may choose godparents for their children from among family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parent may choose a godfather and a godmother or just one godparent. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism, but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (canons 872-874)

1. They should ordinarily be at least 16 years of age.
2. They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, first Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
3. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith (e.g., not living in an immoral situation). Fallen away Catholics may not serve as godparents or Christian witnesses.
4. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. They may not be divorce and remarried outside of the Catholic Church.

Parents of the child to be baptized may not serve as godparents. If only one godparent is chosen, parents may ask someone baptized in a non-Catholic Christian community to serve as a witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic godparent. A copy of this form is not required for the baptized non-Catholic.

I hereby declare that I am a registered/geographical member of the Catholic parish named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a godparent for baptism. I also promise that I intend to assist the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic faith and by helping the child to lead a Christian life.

Prospective godparent's signature: _____ Date: _____

*If the godparent is **not** a member of the Church of the Nativity parish, the following must also be completed.*

I certify that (print) _____ is a registered/geographical member of our parish, and is, to the best of our knowledge, qualified to serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of pastor/delegate: _____ Date: _____

Parish Seal

Parish name: _____

City: _____ State: _____