



**DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE**  
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Godparent/Sponsor Affirmation of Faith and Morals**

Name of person being Baptized or Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments being celebrated:      OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)      Baptism      Confirmation

Name of Godparent/Sponsor completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the person you are representing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Function of Godparents and Sponsors:**

- Represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church.
- Demonstrate and set an example of a Catholic Christian life.
- Support through prayer, conversation, and example.

**Godparents and Sponsors must meet the following criteria (Canon Law 874):**

- Received Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) or made a Profession of Faith through RCIA.
- They must be 16 years of age or older.
- They cannot be the mother or father of the person being represented.
- Must live a life of faith which benefits the role to be undertaken. This includes:
  - If married, their marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
  - Attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
  - Sincerely believes and strives to be put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church.

**One Godparent/Sponsor is required. Two Godparents/Sponsors may be appointed provided the following conditions are met:**

- At least one must meet all criteria above.
- One may serve as a Christian witness, with certain provisions (Canon Law 874.2):
  - There must be at least one Catholic godparent
  - Baptized Catholics who are sacramentally or canonically ineligible to serve as a godparent may not serve as a Christian witness. (This includes those who have renounced the faith in favor of another church community or entity.)
  - Those unbaptized and those whose Baptism is not recognized by the Catholic Church may not serve in the role of Christian witness but are welcome to be present at the ceremony.

*A sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Please let us know where you received your Sacraments of Initiation. If you are unsure of dates, you can find out by contacting your church of Baptism.*

**Baptism**      Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharist**      Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation**      Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

*A sponsor must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic, attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly. Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Catholic Church?*

Yes

No

Please check here to affirm that you are age 16 or older.

**Godparent/Sponsor's Church Attendance**

Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily

Weekly

Other. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*A sponsor must be canonically free to carry out this office of godparent/sponsor. Catholics in an invalid marriage (not married according to the laws of the Church) and those cohabitating (living together without marriage) cannot serve as a godparent/sponsor. If you are married, please complete the following questions.*

Not Married

Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Performed by: Priest Deacon Minister Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of the Prospective Godparent/Sponsor**

*If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation before God:*

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as godparent/sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**The following section is to be completed by the parish where the Godparent/Sponsor is registered and attending.**

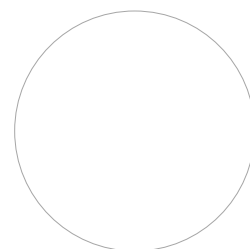
I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a practicing Catholic in good standing, a registered member of this parish, and is eligible to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor according to the guidelines listed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



(Affix or Stamp Parish Seal Here)