



SAINT THERESE DE LISIEUX
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptismal Godparent / Confirmation Sponsor

The function of a *Sponsor* is not a social role of honor given to a relative or family friend simply because they are relatives or friends. It is about the child or adult who is going to receive this once-in-a-lifetime sacrament of the Church. Sacramental Sponsorship implies a knowledgeable understanding of the Catholic Faith, and willingness and intention to help the one being sponsored with their religious training by word, deed and example.

Please read the **REQUIREMENTS** below, as stated in the *Canon Law of the Catholic Church*.

Canons: 873 and 874 summarized, concerning Baptismal or Confirmation Sponsors:

1. He/She must be knowledgeable of the fundamental truths of the Faith and *be a Practicing Catholic* who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation and is free to receive the sacraments according to the Church's tenants.
2. The Sponsor must themselves have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
3. He/She may not be the child's mother or father; or in the case of an adult, the wife or husband of the one to be Baptized or Confirmed.
4. He/She must be at least 16 years old and have the use of reason.
5. If he/she has children of their own, they have fulfilled their Catholic parental obligation toward raising them in the Catholic Faith.
6. He/She must not be bound by any Canonical impediment or penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
7. In the case of Baptism, only one Sponsor of each sex is permitted; one male, one female.

By signing below: "I, _____, print name declare and state that I fulfill the above requirements of Canon Law, am free of any impediment and am able to *validly* act as a Godparent/Sponsor." for _____.
print name

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Phone Number: _____

Pastor: _____
print name signature

Parish Name: _____

Parish Phone Number: _____

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