



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Statement of the Baptismal Godparent

I _____ have been asked to serve as a Baptismal Godparent for _____ who will be Baptized at _____. In accepting this responsibility, I understand that I must meet certain requirements set forth in Canon Law (Canon 893) and, to establish my eligibility, I will answer the questions that follow truthfully. *(If you are unable to answer these questions as required, please consider withdrawing as a Godparent or, if helpful, speak with a priest of our parish.)*

Signature

Date

Are you 16 years of age or older?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you the mother or father of the child to be Baptized? If you answer yes, by Canon law you cannot be the Godparent.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Eucharist?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you bound by any canonical penalty?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are under a canonical penalty, you'd likely be aware of it. Church penalties are invoked against those who commit heresy (c 1364), publicly "excites hatred or contempt against religion or the Church" (c 1369), teach "a doctrine condemned by the Roman Pontiff or an ecumenical council" (c 1371), misuse or desecrate the Eucharist (c 1367), and other similar, serious acts.

Do you promise to help the Baptized person "to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received?" *(Confirmation Rite)*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you lead a life of faith in keeping with the duties of a Godparent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

This is critically important. You can't guide and assist the person you're sponsoring to lead a Christian life if you are not practicing it yourself. So, in order to be a Godparent you should be attending Mass weekly, have some form of regular prayer practice, in some way give of your time, talent, and treasure to help others, participate in the sacrament of confession at least once a year.

If you are married, is your marriage in keeping with Church Law (witnessed by a priest and celebrated in a Catholic Church).

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are single, are you living with someone outside the Sacrament of Marriage?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Certification of Sacramental Baptismal Godparent or Sponsor

Dear Pastor,

Nothing in our parish records contradicts the statements made above by the proposed Baptismal Godparent. Therefore, we endorse them in their role of Baptismal Godparent and pray God's blessings on them as they assist the child in their journey of faith.

Authorized Signature

Title

Date