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Jefferson City, MO 65109
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Requirements For Baptismal Sponsors (Godparents)

Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor/godparent a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism, not a sponsor or godparent.

Sponsor's Full Legal Name: _____
First Middle Last (Maiden)

Sponsor's Address _____
Street City/State/Zip

Sponsor's Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

Sponsor's Email(s): _____

I am a registered parishioner at the parish of _____ located
at _____ (City, State).

FROM THE CODE OF CANON LAW: Sponsors for the Sacrament of Baptism must be Catholics who have been Confirmed and have received the Sacrament of First Communion. They must be in good standing with the Catholic Church and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken.

Godparent, please read and check the following affirmations:

I am at least 16 years of age.

I have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

I celebrated Confirmation at _____ (Parish name)

located in _____ (city/state) on _____ (date).

IF MARRIED: My marriage is valid and Sacramental in the Catholic Church on _____ (date)

I participate in Catholic Sunday Mass/Sacraments regularly.

Non-Catholic, I am a Baptized Christian in another Christian denomination
and continue to practice my faith.

I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and have both the desire and
intention to fulfill it faithfully.

Godparent Signature _____

You will be a God parent for:

Baptism Child's Full Legal Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Please take this form to the parish office where you are registered and have them complete the portion below. Then return to St. Martin Parish.

To the best of my knowledge this person is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in serving as a Baptism sponsor. Yes ___ No ___

Has been registered in our parish since: _____

Pastor's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Parish: _____

Parish Seal

Parish City/State/Zip _____

***Registered parish, please mail to:**

St. Martin Parish, 7148 St. Martins Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109

This form should be received by the St. Martin parish office no later than one week before the baptism.