



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor. Kindly complete this form and return it to the parents of the child to be baptized/confirmed. The parents will submit the form to the parish in which the sacrament will be celebrated.

Full Name of child receiving Sacrament: _____

Full Name of Potential Godparent/Sponsor: _____

Godparent/Sponsor's Date of Birth (and Maiden Name if applicable): _____

Name, city, and state of **Godparent/Sponsor's** current Catholic Parish: _____

Questions Based on Required Qualifications of a Godparent

Kindly answer the following questions which are formulated in conformity with the required qualifications for those serving in the role of Godparent, enumerated and contained in the *Code of Canon Law*, can. 874. A Godparent must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **If you do not meet the requirements, please inform the parents.**

Circle One

Y or N

1) Have you been baptized? Year of your Baptism: _____

Church of your Baptism: _____
(Name of Church) (City/State)

Have you been confirmed in the Catholic Church?

Y or N

Year of Confirmation: _____

Church of your Confirmation: _____
(Name of Church) (City/State)

Have you received First Eucharist?

Y or N

2) A Godparent must be at least sixteen years of age. Are you sixteen years of age or older?

Y or N¹

Permission for someone younger than sixteen to serve as a Godparent:

Signature of Pastor or Minister of Baptism of parish where baptism is to be held

Signature

Date

¹ If the potential Godparent is younger than sixteen years of age, the pastor of the parish where the baptism is to take place or the minister of baptism may, for a just reason, make an exception and admit that person to serve as a Godparent (cf. CIC can. 874 §1, 2°).

3) A Godparent cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized. Are you a parent of the child?

Y or N

4) A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. Do you attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, strive to live a life of virtue as reflected in the Ten Commandments and teachings of the Church?

Y or N

- 5) If married, a Godparent must be married in the Catholic Church or have had their marriage regularized/recognized in the Church and strive to live married life in accord with the teachings of the Church. Catholics who were married civilly, or at another Christian church without a dispensation from the Catholic Church, and those cohabiting would not meet the requirements to serve as a Godparent at this time. Do you meet these criteria? Y or N or N/A

Year of Marriage_____ Church of your Marriage: _____

(Name of Church) (City/State)

- 6) Kindly sign this form and present it to your current parish for signature of the pastor or his designee and return the form to the parents who will submit it to the parish of baptism for their pastor's signature.

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent. I commit to the responsibility of serving in this role.

Potential Godparent Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a Godparent in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed below by the pastor or his designee of the Godparent/Sponsor's current parish.

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee

Date

Parish Name/City/State

Parish Seal

Visum