

Church of the Visitacion - San Francisco

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Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you are serving as a godparent for baptism, please attend a preparation class at your parish prior to the scheduled baptism. Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents.**

Name of child receiving sacrament:

Godparent or Sponsor:	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name
	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name
	_____	_____	
	Home Phone	Cell Phone	

Name of Your Catholic Parish:

_____	_____	_____
Parish Name	City	State

Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor

In accord with *Canon Law 874*, please provide the following information. **If you do not meet all of these requirements, please let the parents know immediately.**

1. A Godparent/Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Baptism: Yes No Confirmed in the Catholic Church: Yes No First Eucharist: Yes No

2. A Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? Yes No

3. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be a parent of the child to be baptized. Are you a parent of the child? Yes No

4. A Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Do you follow the Ten Commandments? Yes No

5. Regarding the 6th Commandment, a Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
- If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching.
- **Catholics who were married by a *Justice of the Peace*, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements of this role.**

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? Yes No

6. *Baptism Godparent only - Godparents are required to complete a baptism preparation class. If you have already completed a baptism preparation class (**within 5yrs of the baptism**), we will need written confirmation from that parish.*

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor 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 by the Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish of Record:

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee Date

(Seal)

Parish Name Parish City/State