

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
“Opening Wide the Doors to Christ”

Certificate to Serve as a Godparent

Name of Child to be baptized

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized. A godparent serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/ she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent, a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass weekly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) and is not in an irregular marriage, living a life of habitual sin, or living outside of Church teaching, etc.
- Be at least sixteen years of age;
- Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent;
- Not be a parent of the individual to be baptized.

I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent.

Signature of godparent

Date

I HEREBY TESTIFY that _____
(Name of godparent)

is a registered member of _____
(Name of parish)

and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent.

Signature of Pastor

Date

[Parish Seal]

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