

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

BAPTISMAL GODPARENT FORM

THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Catholic life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout this life and beyond. There are many ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your godchild. Among them are:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of baptism each year with a visit, a call, or a card.
- As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on the Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions as they arise.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through a special card, letter, or gifts which celebrate holy events ... Christmas, Easter... and personal growth events...graduation, first job, engagement. (Gift suggestions: a bible, spiritual book, rosary, religious jewelry, gift certificate of religious goods/books, retreat opportunity).
- Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives the other sacraments, particularly First Communion and Confirmation, which complete initiation into the Church community.
- Be supportive of your godchild's parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their child.
- And most importantly, become a model of Christian living for your godchild, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

The Sponsor's role is to be a good example of Christian Faith for the child being baptized. Together with the parent, the Sponsor (Godparent) presents the child for the Sacrament and help guide them to live a life of holiness. Being a Sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of our Catholic Faith, a lifestyle that proclaims the truth, and sense of responsibility toward the young person being baptized.

Canon 874 and 892 of the Code of Canon Law lists these requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism.

Thus, the Church has established the following norms governing the qualifications needed to be a Godparent. All of these must be true in order to serve as a Catholic Godparent (or proxy). Please check each box indicating your qualifications:

- | | Yes | No |
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| • I am at least sixteen (16) years of age | [] | [] |
| • I am a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist | [] | [] |
| • I am married in a Catholic Church | [] | [] |
| • I am leading a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken | [] | [] |
| • I am canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics in an invalid marriage (civil marriage only) and those that are cohabitating (living together without marriage) <u>cannot serve as a sponsor/godparent.</u> | [] | [] |
| • I am not the mother or father of the one to be baptized. (Canon 874.2) | [] | [] |

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name of child to be baptized: _____ Today's Date _____
First Middle Last

Parents: _____
Mother's Full Maiden Name Father

Parish where baptism will take place: _____
Name City State Date

GODFATHER INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
Street City State Country (if other than USA)

Phone number(s) (____) _____ Email address _____ Place of Worship _____

A sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. When and where did you receive the three Sacraments of Initiation?

1. Baptism

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

2. First Holy Communion

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

3. Confirmation

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

Marital Status: [] Single (**Submit Confirmation Certificate**) [] Married (**Submit Catholic Marriage Certificate**)

**** If not married within the regulations of the Church, has your marriage been Convalidated? Yes ___ No ___

Name of Church: _____ City _____ State _____
Country (if other than USA) _____

Proxy's Name _____
First Middle Last Phone No.

Christian Witness(es): _____

I, _____, the Godfather, will be attending a pre-baptismal class at

_____ on _____
Location Date

Signature of Godfather: _____

GODFATHER COMMITMENT

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Godparent for:

Name of Child

Signature of Godfather:

Date of Commitment (Date of Baptism)

Printed Name of Godfather

GODMOTHER INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
Street City State Country (if other than USA)

Phone number(s) (____) _____ Email address _____ Place of Worship _____

A sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. When and where did you receive the three Sacraments of Initiation?

4. Baptism

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

5. First Holy Communion

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

6. Confirmation

Name of Church City State Country (if other than USA) Date

Marital Status: [] Single (**Submit Confirmation Certificate**) [] Married (**Submit Catholic Marriage Certificate**)

**** If not married within the regulations of the Church, has your marriage been Convalidated? Yes ___ No ___

Name of Church: _____ City _____ State _____
Country (if other than USA) _____

Proxy's Name _____
First Middle Last Phone No.

Christian Witness(es): _____

I, _____, the Godmother, will be attending a pre-baptismal class at
_____ on _____
Location Date

Signature of Godmother: _____

GODMOTHER'S COMMITMENT

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Godparent for:

Name of Child

Signature of Godmother:

Date of Commitment (Date of Baptism)

Printed Name of Godmother

Required Parish Verification

To be completed by the Pastor of the Godparent's or Godparents' church and then submitted to St. John Vianney Catholic Church,

10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 no less than two months before the date of Baptism.

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member or lives within the boundaries of this parish; is a practicing Catholic in good standing; and is eligible to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of BAPTISM for _____.

Name of Parish: _____

Pastor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Church Seal

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS GODPARENT REGISTRATION FORM AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SACRAMENTAL DOCUMENTS.

