

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

## Godparent Baptismal Registration Form

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### 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.

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. 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) <b>cannot serve as a sponsor/godparent.</b> | [ ] | [ ] |
| • I am not the mother or father of the one to be baptized. (Canon 874.2)  | [ ] | [ ] |

**Additional documentation:** If the sponsor is single, please include their Confirmation certificate. If the sponsor is married, please include their marriage certificate.

**CHILD'S INFORMATION**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**GODPARENT'S INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

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

Phone number(s) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Worship \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

**GODPARENT'S COMMITMENT**

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church requirements of a baptism sponsor. Furthermore, I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a godparent for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent:

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Please take this to your parish office for signature and parish seal

Parish Seal

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Signature of Pastor or Representative Date