

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

Godparent Baptismal Registration Form

Class Only

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

CHILD’S INFORMATION

Name of child: _____
First Middle Last

Parents: _____
Mother (Maiden Name) Father

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

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 _____

Signature of Godparent: _____

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

Name of Child

Signature of Godparent:

Date of Commitment (Date of Baptism)

Printed Name of Godparent

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Date of Pre-Baptism Class _____

Date of Baptism _____

Godparent Reg. Form _____

Donation: \$20 per person _____ (cash or check # _____) Receipt # _____ dated _____

Class Certificate given _____

Remarks: _____
