

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor at All Souls Catholic Parish! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the Catholic faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you are serving as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism, we ask that you attend a Baptism Preparation Class, whether here at All Souls or at your home parish, prior to the scheduled Baptism. Please take the completed form to your home parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their authorized representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME OF SACRAMENT RECIPIENT (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): _____

NAME OF GODPARENT/SPONSOR (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HOME PARISH: _____
PARISH NAME CITY & STATE

QUALIFICATIONS

In accord with *Canon Law 874*, a Godparent/Sponsor must meet the following requirements. **If you do not meet all of these requirements, please immediately notify the parents.**

- Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Have you received the following three Sacraments of Initiation?
Baptism: ☐ Yes ☐ No Confirmation in the Catholic Church: ☐ Yes ☐ No First Holy Eucharist: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you 16 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you NOT the parent of the child receiving the sacrament? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you an actively practicing Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To be considered a practicing Catholic, you must attend Mass on Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation, regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, and follow the Ten Commandments.

- Regarding the 6th Commandment, are you in good standing with the Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - You are living in accord with Church teaching.*
 - If married, you must be married within the Catholic Church.*
 - This requirement cannot be fulfilled if you married in another Christian church without prior special permission, married by a Justice of the Peace, or if you are in a cohabiting relationship.*
- Godparents only: Have you attended a Baptism Preparation Class in the past four months, either at All Souls or your home parish?
☐ Yes ☐ No

SIGNATURE & APPROVAL

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

SIGNATURE OF GODPARENT/SPONSOR: _____ **DATE:** _____

(To be signed and sealed by the Godparent/Sponsor's Parish of Record) The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a Godparent and/or Sponsor in the Catholic Church.

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR/PASTOR'S DESIGNEE: _____

PARISH NAME & LOCATION: _____ **DATE:** _____

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Church)*