

Archdiocesan Policy on Godparents states:

One Godparent, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender. They must be at least 16 years of age, Roman Catholic, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist. They must also live a life of faith which is consistent with the faith and befits the role to be undertaken. (Refer to Canon Law 873 and 874). They may not be under a canonical penalty nor may they be either the father or mother of the person to be baptized.

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Church can be a Christian witness, not a Godparent as long as a Catholic person is designated as a Godparent. A Catholic may not be a Godparent at a non-Catholic baptism.

Proxies are no longer used for baptisms. If a Godparent cannot be present, someone may stand in for them, but their names are not recorded in the official parish records.