

St. Therese Church

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Godparent Recommendation Form

FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE CHILD: _____

In accordance with the Laws of the Roman Catholic Church (Canons 872, 874, 892, and 893) to be a godparent, a person must:

- Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents, or by the one who takes their place or—in their absence—by the Pastor or the Minister, and is to have the qualifications and intentions of performing this role;
- Be 16 years of age or older;
- Be a Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken;
- If married, e.g., be married in the Church or have the marriage convalidated by the Church;
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; and
- Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

In the case of infant baptism, the role of the godparent(s), together with the parents, is to present the child for Baptism and to help him or her live a Christian life in the Catholic Church, faithfully fulfilling the duties inherent in Baptism. Being a godparent is **NOT just an "honor"** given to a friend or relative. Accepting this role implies a **genuine appreciation of the Roman Catholic Faith**, a practice of the same manifested in the weekly assistance at Mass and the regular reception of the Sacraments, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being baptized. If the chosen godparent is married, **he or she must have been married in the Catholic Church**. Again, one should not be asked to be a godparent simply because he or she is a relative or friend.

DECLARATION BY GODPARENT(S): I declare that I/we am/are a registered member(s) of the Parish stated below, that I/we have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and fulfill the requirements of Canon Law to be a godparent(s). If I/we am/are married, I/we declare that the marriage took place in a Roman Catholic Church.

X _____
Prospective Godparent's Signature

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Prospective Godparent's Signature

PRINTED NAME: _____

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To Be Completed by the Godparents' Pastor or Associate Pastor

I certify that the above signatory(ies) is/are a member(s) of _____ Church, is/are a practicing Catholic(s), and is/are eligible to act as a godparent(s) for the Sacrament of Baptism for the child named at the top of this form.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____

CHURCH
SEAL

X _____
Pastor or Associate Pastor for the above-named church

City

State

This form **MUST** be submitted with a copy of each prospective godparent's **CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE** and, if married, his or her **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**, along with the Certificate of Completion of the online class (link on our website). Check below if certificates are attached.

_____ Godparent(s)' Confirmation Certificate(s) attached _____ Copy of Online Class certificate(s) attached

_____ Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate(s) attached OR _____ not married