

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Affidavit of Eligibility for the Ministry of
Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor

I, _____
(Please print complete name)

Swear to Almighty God that:

- I am a baptized member of the Catholic Church
- I am at least 16 years old
- I have made my First Holy Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- I am not married outside the Catholic Church, nor am I cohabitating (living outside of marriage with someone)
- I normally attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at least once a year, and go to Holy Communion at least once a year in the Easter Season
- I understand and accept the responsibilities which I undertake as a sponsor for this person. I will assist his/her parents in their Christian duty, and will help this person, by example, word and action, to live as a faithful Christian in communion with, and according to, the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church

Signature of Sponsor

Date

This person is a member of this parish and has sworn that they fulfill the canonical requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.

Signature of Pastor / or Delegate

Date

Parish Name / Location

Parish Seal

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Godparent (Sponsor) Agreement

Does it make any difference who you ask to be Godparents for your children?
It sure does!

People often want to ask their best friends or favorite relatives to act as Godparents for their children; they usually do this as a way of honoring someone. Of course, we all would like to honor those who are dear to us, but the Baptism of your child may not be the right time to do so.

Would you ask your best friend to perform heart surgery on your child? Of course not, unless he/she were a competent heart surgeon. So, if the role of Godparent is to help the parents to raise the child in the good practice of the Catholic faith, then it stands to reason that you should ask someone who shows by their own knowledge and practice that they can help someone else follow in their footsteps.

Helping a child to become a good Catholic Christian is an important undertaking; it is therefore, equally important to ask someone who regularly prays with the community at Sunday mass and, who in other ways practices his/her faith and shows commitment to Christian values.

None of this is to suggest that your dear friends or relatives are not good people. They will surely be with you to help you in many ways. But, a teacher of mathematics may not be a good teacher of English grammar and a good friend or close relative may not be the best model of Catholic Christian practice.

If you value your faith, you will choose the best teacher to help you pass that faith on to your children.

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