BAPTISM or CONFIRMATION
GODPARENT or SPONSOR FORM

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Name of Child to be Baptized / Confirmation Candidate

To be completed by the Godparent/Sponsor: *(Please type or print clearly)*

Name of Godparent/Sponsor:_____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
(Street) *(City)* *(State)*

Telephone: _____

"I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and I have both the desire and the intention to fulfill it. I affirm that I was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church and, if married, I affirm my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church."

Signature: _____Date: _____

This portion ***must be completed and sealed*** **by the Godparent/Sponsor's priest**	
☐	I know the above named person to be a Catholic. This person participates regularly in the life of the Catholic Church, is bound by no canonical penalty, and is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in sponsoring the Catholic Initiation of another.
☐	I am unable to attest to the above person's Catholic faith life.
Comment:	

Signature of Priest: _____ Date: _____

Parish: _____

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Please return completed form to:
St. Andrew's Parish Office
Attn: Parish Secretary
1108 Willow St.
Brainerd MN 56401

Qualifications to be a Godparent/Sponsor

The Church has established the following norms in Church (Canon) law concerning the qualifications to serve as a Godparent/ Sponsor:

A Godparent/Sponsor:

- Together with the parents, presents an infant for baptism or assists an adult in Christian initiation
- Helps the baptized to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism/confirmation
- Helps the baptized to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in baptism/confirmation (canon 872)

The Godparent/Sponsor must:

- Be at least seventeen (17) years old
- Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who leads a life of faith
- Not be bound by canonical penalty
- Not be the father or mother of one to be baptized/confirmed (canon 874)
- If married, be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church

In regard to the number of Godparent/Sponsors, there may be:

- One (1) male Godparent/Sponsor for baptism/confirmation or
- One (1) female Godparent/Sponsor for baptism/confirmation or
- One (1) male and one (1) female Godparent/Sponsor for baptism (canons 873 and 892)

Additional persons may participate as a witness of the baptism. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism (canon 874, 2).

Comments: