



Paroisse Saint-Sacrement Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Canonical Guidelines for the Selection of a Godparent and Christian Witness

The significance of a Godparent at the Sacrament of Baptism requires that the parents consider very seriously the faith and religious practice of the person proposed for this role. The sources for accessing the qualification for the role of the Godparent are *The Code of Canon Law* and *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (John Paul II)

- The person receiving Confirmation only requires **one Godparent**. The ideal is that the Godparent at Baptism also serves this role at the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- The mother and father may not be a Godparent. The role of the Godparent is to assist the parents in the training of the faith.
- A God parent is a Catholic in good standing, who is living the Gospel message in their daily personal life. They should practice the faith regularly. They are to be at least 16 years of age, have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Catholic married outside the Church, or Catholics who choose to cohabit outside of the Sacrament of Marriage are not permitted to be Godparents due to their irregular lifestyle.
- Any Catholic who is not living according to the doctrinal and moral teaching of the church should not be asked to serve in this important role as Godparent.

God Parent

Name: _____

Date of Baptism/ Parish: _____

Status:

Married in the Church _____

Single _____

Please provide a copy of Baptismal Certificate _____ and Marriage Certificate from Parish (if applicable) _____