

**BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR AFFIRMATION
FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH OR ANOTHER PARISH**

The function of the godparent/sponsor is 1- together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church 2- to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

Therefore, according to the requirements of the **Catholic Church's Canon Law (872-874)**, one must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation
- If married, must be in a valid sacramental marriage
- Not be bound by canonical penalties
- Not be the father or mother (of one being baptized).

Before we can issue a "letter of good standing" from the church office we ask that you be registered, active and participating members with the parish for at least one year.*

*A registered, active and participating member is one who:

is registered with St. Joseph Church
attends Mass weekly
is in good standing (marriage is recognized in the Church)
contributes regularly to the Church through online giving or our envelope system

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation:

I, (print full name) _____, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligation of my role as sponsor.

Please print

Church Name and Address _____

Name of ___ Baptism candidate or Confirmation candidate _____

Date of ceremony _____

Signature of sponsor _____ Today's date _____

Sponsor's email address _____

Sponsor's phone number _____

Pastor _____

Church Seal:

Fr. John R. Johnson