Sacramental Sponsor Verification

Complete the form and return to initiation candidate’s parish. Please print clearly. If you have questions about the eligibility requirements, please contact a priest at the parish where the sacrament will be celebrated or the diocesan Department of Canonical Services to clarify.

Check One: **\_\_\_ Godparent for Baptism \_\_\_ Sponsor for Confirmation**

**Full Name of Godparent/Sponsor:**

**Name, City, and State of Catholic Parish** **where typically participate:**

Full Name of Initiation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Statement of Eligibility***

Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized [or confirmed] is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism [or confirmation] and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it. Canon 872; 892

**I verify that I am eligible to assume the duties and responsibilities of the role of a Catholic godparent/sponsor. In accepting this responsibility, I state all the following are true:**

* I am at least 16 years of age.
* I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
* I strive to live as a faithful witness to Jesus Christ, especially by participating in Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receiving the Sacraments of the Church regularly.
* If married, I am in a valid marriage (wedding witnessed by a Catholic Priest, a Catholic Deacon, or someone authorized by the Catholic Church). If single, I am not cohabiting (living together in a sexual relationship without marriage).
* I understand and accept the responsibilities which I undertake as a sponsor; I promise to pay special attention to the candidate named above in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Catholic Church; and I am prepared to assist him/her (and his/her parents) in fulfilling the Christian duties by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

**Signature of Godparent/Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this fully completed and signed form to the initiation candidate’s parish. Thank you.***

*May God’s blessings be with you as you serve this important role in the life of the initiation candidate on behalf of the Catholic community.*