



Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland ME
Department of Canonical Services & Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

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.