



Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

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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.

Full Name of Godparent/Sponsor: _____

Name, City, and State of 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 married according to the laws of the Catholic Church regarding marriage. 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:** _____