



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
GODPARENT ATTESTATION FORM FOR INFANT BAPTISM
FOR USE IN THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND ONLY

Congratulations! The witness of your Catholic faith now calls you to a sacred role in the life of a child as a godparent. You will publicly affirm your intention to support and nurture the faith of this child during the celebration of the sacrament. Please complete this form to attest to your readiness to accept this role. May God bless you abundantly!

I (print full name) _____,

a member of (name of parish or campus ministry) _____

in (location of parish or campus ministry) _____,

having been chosen as the godparent for (print name) _____,

who will be baptized, affirm that I possess the qualifications listed below, and that I willingly undertake this role.

Qualifications of a godparent:⁷

1. At least 16 years old (unless the pastor has granted an exemption)
2. Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist in the Catholic Church
3. Not bound by a canonical penalty
4. Leading a life of faith befitting the role to be undertaken (for example, regularly attending Sunday Mass; if married, be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church)
5. Not a parent of the child

I have read and understand the above qualifications. Should I have questions about the qualifications, I will seek clarification from the pastor, chaplain or his delegate. With my signature below, I swear before God that I am eligible to serve in the role of godparent, and I assume this responsibility willingly.

Godparent's signature _____ Date _____

The child's pastor may request that the godparent or sponsor's pastor, chaplain or delegate witness the godparent or sponsor's signature to verify that the person signing the form is the same individual who will undertake the duty of godparent or sponsor.

Pastor/Chaplain/Delegate Signature _____ (No Seal Necessary)

This form should be destroyed once the godparent's information has been inscribed in the register of the parish where the Sacrament of Baptism has been recorded.

⁷ Code of Canon Law, canons 874 §1, 893 §1; Rite of Baptism for Children, Christian Initiation: General Introduction, no. 10.