



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
GODPARENT AND SPONSOR ATTESTATION FORM
FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
(INCLUDING CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE)
FOR USE IN THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND ONLY

Congratulations! The witness of your Catholic faith now calls you to a sacred role in a person’s life as a godparent or sponsor. You will present this person for the sacraments and help him or her to live according to the grace received in Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. 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 or sponsor for (print name) _____,
who will receive the sacraments of (please circle): Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist,
affirm that I possess the qualifications listed below, and that I willingly undertake these roles.

Qualifications of a godparent or sponsor:⁶

1. At least 16 years old (unless the pastor or chaplain 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 catechumen or candidate

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 or sponsor, and that I assume this responsibility willingly.

Godparent/Sponsor’s signature _____ Date _____

The catechumen or candidate’s sponsor may request that the godparent or sponsor’s pastor, chaplain or delegate witness the godparent or sponsor’s signature to 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 or sponsor’s information has been inscribed in the register of the parish where the Sacraments of Christian Initiation have been recorded.

⁶ Code of Canon Law, canons 874 §1, 893 §1; Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Christian Initiation: General Introduction, no. 10.