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BAPTISM SPONSOR

Godparent Certificate of Eligibility

Church Law (Canons 872 and 874) list the following requirements of those who serve as baptism sponsors (Godparents):

1. Must be mature enough to undertake the responsibility (at least 16 years old).
2. Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good moral life worthy of imitation; and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
4. Must be an actively practicing Catholic who attends weekly mass and makes regular use of Confession.
5. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics living in an invalid marriage (not married through the Church) and those who are cohabiting without being married cannot serve as a sponsor.

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 Godparent’s Name Printed Godparent’s Church Parish

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 City & State of Parish

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 Child’s first, middle and last name printed

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 Parent’s Names Printed

for the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic, living my Catholic faith, and that I am in good standing within the Catholic Church. I understand that I am called to serve as a companion, guide and role model to my Godchild, through my own example and witness in the Church.

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Signature of Godparent Date

**To be completed by Godparent’s pastor:**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a registered member of

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism.

 Church Parish

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 Seal Pastor’s Signature Date