

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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**Baptism Sponsor
Certificate of Eligibility**
(PLEASE CAREFULLY READ the requirements for sponsorship before signing)

Canons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists the requirements and qualifications of those who serve as sponsors (Godparents) for the Sacrament of Baptism.

- A Sponsor:
1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility
 2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
 3. Must be no less than 16 years of age
 4. 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
 5. Must be an actively practicing Catholic, participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy days, and receiving the sacrament of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly
 6. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage [not married in the Catholic Church or have not had their marriage blessed by a priest] and those that are cohabitating [living together without marriage] cannot serve as a sponsor

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. To be a sponsor (Godparent) means having a true appreciation of the Catholic faith and a sense of responsibility towards the spiritual well-being of the person being baptized.

I declare that I am a registered member of the Parish listed below and that I meet all the requirements (listed above) to be a sponsor (Godparent).

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Name of Sponsor's Church Parish: _____

City and State of Church Parish: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Parents of child to be baptized: _____

Name of Child to be baptized: _____

Sponsor's Church of Confirmation: _____ Year Confirmed: _____

To be completed by your Pastor:

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic, and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism.

Name of Church Parish: _____ Rev. _____

Date: _____ Church Seal: _____