



St. Patrick Parish

406 Walnut Street, Yorkville, IL 60560 | (630) 553-6671

GODPARENT/SPONSOR - CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Please return this form to St. Patrick Parish at least two weeks before the celebration of the sacrament.

Child Baptism

Confirmation

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I, _____, am a practicing Catholic and am currently attending at
(Godparent/Sponsor Name)

_____ in _____
*(Name of Parish***) (City/State/Zip)*

I have been asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor for _____
(Name of person receiving sacrament)

to be celebrated on _____ at St. Patrick Parish, Yorkville, Illinois.
(Date of sacrament)

Please circle either YES or NO for each question:

YES NO Are you a Catholic?

YES NO Are you at least 16 years of age?

YES NO Have you received Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church?

YES NO Do you strive to attend Mass every Sunday and receive the sacraments of the church regularly?

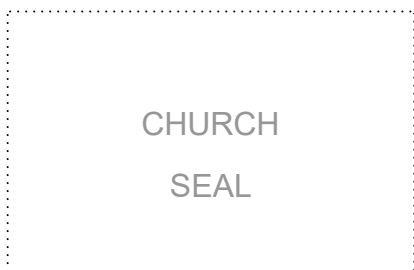
YES NO **If married**, was your present marriage celebrated in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest, or deacon, or in another denomination with the written permission of a Catholic bishop? *(If not, please provide an explanation.)*

_____ <i>(Signature of Catholic Godparent/Sponsor)</i>
_____ <i>(Date)</i>

FOR GODPARENT/SPONSOR'S CHURCH ONLY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

To the best of my knowledge, _____ attends this Parish, is a practicing Catholic, and meets the requirements as required by Canon Law to act as a Godparent/Sponsor for the sacrament above.



Reverend _____
(Signature of Priest or Deacon)

Printed Name: _____

Church of: _____

City/State: _____

Phone Number: _____
(Date)



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A godparent/sponsor is an important person in the life of the person receiving the sacraments of initiation. They are 1) a spiritual role model, 2) an example of the Christian life, and 3) the official representative of the Body of Christ, the Church, into which an individual is being baptized and/or confirmed. They are to be a source of guidance, support, and inspiration to this person on his or her faith journey and, when appropriate, help the parents in the Christian formation of this individual. Because of the great responsibilities of a godparent/sponsor, the Catholic Church has minimum requirements it asks all godparents/sponsors to fulfill in order to serve in this role. These are set forth in the Code of Canon Law:

GODPARENTS/SPONSORS:

Can. 872: *Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized 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 and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.*

Can. 873: *There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor, or one of each.*

Can. 874: §1. *To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must:*

- *be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister, and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;*
- *have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;*
- *be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*
- *not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
- *not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.*

§2. *A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*

Can. 892: *Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.*

Can. 893: *To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.*