



# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Statement:

*Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is also a sacrament of initiation that strengthens and perfects our union with Christ and His Church. A Godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism and a Sponsor represents the Catholic Church at Confirmation. Both serve as role models for the initiate by living a fully Christian life. Godparents and Sponsors must be baptized persons and should be at least 16 years old and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance/Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.*

### To Be Completed By the Godparent or Sponsor:

*(Please check all statements below that apply)*

I pledge that I meet the fundamental criteria for being a Godparent or Sponsor as set forth below:

- I commit to be a responsible Catholic role model for \_\_\_\_\_  
*(full name of person being Baptized or Confirmed).*
- I am Confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I regularly attend Sunday Mass and receive the Sacraments of Penance & Holy Communion.
- I am open to the living Word of God in the Sacred Scripture and Teachings of the Catholic Church.
- I try to live my life according to Gospel values even when they conflict with societal values.
- My current marital status and situation conforms to all the Laws, Norms and Principles of the Catholic Church.  
*Example: If married, I was married in the Catholic Church. If single, I am not living with my partner/significant other.*
- I intend to encourage \_\_\_\_\_ *(1st name of person being Baptised/Confirmed)* in the practice of the Holy Catholic Faith by my word and my example.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Baptism*

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*Godparent's/Sponsor's Signature*

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*Printed Name of Godparent/Sponsor*

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### To Be Completed By Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Godparent/Sponsor's Name) is:

- is eligible to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor
- a registered member of this parish

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*Fr. Daniel N. Gee, Pastor*

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*Date*