



## **SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATE**

### **Testimony of godparent/sponsor**

In accepting the responsibility of godparent/sponsor, I, \_\_\_\_\_  
truthfully attest to the following qualifications: (godparent/sponsor print your name)

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1. My vocational state of life is: Married\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Ordained or Religious\_\_\_\_
2. If married, I was married according to the laws of the Catholic Church Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am at least 16 years of age. Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. I attend Mass regularly on Saturday/Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the above qualifications are marked "no", please call the Pastor. He will advise you on how to proceed to complete the necessary qualifications.

### 6. Statement of Intent:

I understand and accept the role which I undertake as a godparent/sponsor **and** I promise to guide \_\_\_\_\_ in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflect the spirit and (name of child) teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am prepared to assist his/her parents in their duty by my support, encouragement and prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of godparent/sponsor)

### **Testimony of godparent's/sponsor's pastor**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, this person has met all the canonical requirements of a godparent/sponsor as listed on the back of this form, and is ready to assume the duties and responsibilities thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Pastor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Saint George Parish  
5145 Peach Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16509

Pastor – please affix parish seal here

(see reverse side for Canon Law and further explanation regarding this declaration)



## **Baptism**

**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:

1° 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;

2° 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;

3° 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;

4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

§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.

## **Confirmation**

**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:**

§1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in

Can. 874: (see above)

§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.