

St. Padre Pio Parish

Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

To be chosen as Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is a great honor that carries with a great responsibility. It is your role to help form the candidate for Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic faith; to be a good role model and to inspire them to live an authentic Catholic Christian life. Thus, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law (C 872, 874, 892 and 893), the Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents/Sponsors:

1. Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age.
2. Godparents must be Catholics who have received all Sacraments of Initiation (are baptized and confirmed, and have received first communion).
3. Godparents must lead a life "in harmony with the faith;" thus, must be a registered member of a Catholic Church, attending Mass regularly; and if married, must be in a valid Catholic Marriage.
4. Godparents must be someone other than the child's parents.

As a Godparent/Sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of child or youth you are sponsoring) (With my initials below)

I affirm the following:

- \_\_\_ I am a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Catholic Mass and receive the Eucharist.
- \_\_\_ I am over the age of sixteen and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- \_\_\_ I am not a parent to the candidate who will receive the Sacrament.
- \_\_\_ I understand and accept the obligations of a Godparent/Sponsor, to lead a life of faith and to pray and assist my candidate in his/her spiritual growth.
- \_\_\_ I regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- \_\_\_ I am not married OR
- \_\_\_ I am in a recognized Catholic marriage; (married in the Catholic Church or celebrated Convalidation of Marriage.)

I hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all of the requirements and joyfully accept my role to act as a Godparent/Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

Name of Godparent/Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date of declaration \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your home Parish if other than St. Padre Pio: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Parish use only:**

*This certifies that the above-named person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing and that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.*

Church of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

