Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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Godparent / Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility Form

Print full name of Candidate who is receiving Sacraments:

- Baptism of Children
- * Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- High School Confirmation High School Confirmation ______
 Adult Confirmation ______
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Youth

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

We are delighted that you have been asked to be a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. What an honor! You have been chosen because of the way you live and share your Catholic Faith. It will be your role to help the newly baptized or confirmed to lead a life in harmony with the Gospel. One of the most effective ways to share one's faith is through example.

Therefore, a Catholic desiring to serve as a Godparent/Sponsor must meet the eligibility requirements by the Code of Canon Law (Canons 872.874, 892 and 893) listed below:

(With my initials below) I affirm the following:

- I am a practicing Catholic, I regularly attend Catholic Mass, I receive the Eucharist, and I contribute to the support of my parish according to my means.
- I am over the age of 18 and I have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- I am not a parent/guardian 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 single, never been married **OR**
- I am in a recognized Catholic marriage; (married in the Catholic Church or celebrated Convalidation of Marriage.)
- ____ I am a parishioner at _____ Catholic Church, located at _____

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

I affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a Godparent/Sponsor:

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor:

(Godparent-Sponsor, please <u>print first & las</u>t name) _____

This Section below is completed by Godparent/Sponsor <u>Parish</u> Only:

To Whom it May Concern:

We are pleased to be able to issue this testimonial. This certifies that the above-named person is known as a parishioner in good standing and that he/she is qualified to serve as a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation.

Date

Signed _____

Print Name & Title

Parish Seal