

Sponsor Eligibility Form

Name: _____

Sacrament receiving: (circle one) Baptism Confirmation

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Age: _____

Catholic Parish where registered and active: _____

To be answered by the Catholic sponsor:

- yes no I am a registered parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- yes no I received and use the stewardship envelopes from the parish.
- yes no I participate in worshipping God weekly on Sundays by attending mass at Sacred Heart Church, Moreauville.

* If no was the answer to any of the above, please make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

Baptized Catholic (It is required to fill in ALL requested information below!)

Church _____ **City/State** _____ **Date** _____

First Communion.

Church _____ **City/State** _____ **Date** _____

Confirmation.

Church _____ **City/State** _____ **Date** _____

I believe all the Catholic Church believes and teaches and I truly make a serious effort to live a Christian life worthy of imitation. I am a practicing Catholic who attends mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, receives Holy Communion and the sacrament of reconciliation. (If living in a marriage union) I have received the sacrament of marriage in the Catholic Church or, I am currently working with a priest to receive the sacrament of marriage. I realize that I am undertaking a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor. I intend to help and encourage the one I am sponsoring to live the Catholic faith and to faithfully fulfill my responsibilities as a sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor Date

This person is a registered member and active Catholic in this parish, who attends mass on Sundays and lives a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

Signature of parish priest Date

Church Parish

parish seal

Message to the Godparent/Sponsor:

You have been asked to be a sponsor for someone who is receiving the sacrament of baptism and/or confirmation. It is important that you prayerfully consider the seriousness of this responsibility you are undertaking before God if you are to accept the invitation to be a sponsor. If you are unable to live up to the requirements in the Catholic Church to be a sponsor, you may want to decline this request.

Requirements to be a Sponsor in the Catholic Church:

The responsibility of a Godparent/Sponsor is to assist and help the baptized person to lead a Christian life in harmony with the promises of baptism and to fulfill the obligations connected with it. Insofar as possible the one who is to be baptized and/or confirmed is to be given a sponsor. [Canon 872]

There may be only one male or one female sponsor or one of each. [Canon 873]

To be admitted to the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church, a person must:

1. Be chosen by the parent(s) of the one to be baptized, or by the one being baptized or confirmed, and must have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
2. Be at least sixteen years old.
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken.
4. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
5. Finally, the mother or the father of the one to be baptized and/or confirmed cannot be the sponsor. [Canon 874]

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted to the role of being a Godparent except as a witness to baptism (Christian Witness) and together with a Catholic sponsor.

The role of Godparents:

To be chosen as a Godparent/Sponsor is a special honor. By accepting this request you are being entrusted by God with the responsibility of being part of your Godchild's formation in the Catholic faith and being a role model and example by living the Catholic faith yourself. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop an enriching spiritual relationship with your Godchild that last throughout this lifetime and into eternal life.

Please complete the Sponsor Eligibility Form on the other side, have the priest where you attend mass sign it with the parish seal and return it promptly to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Moreauville, LA.