

**St. Mark Church  
30 Melvin Avenue  
Catonsville, MD 21228**

**Godparent Eligibility Statement**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & SEALED BY GODPARENT'S PASTOR**

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation, which brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life. Please note that one godparent must be baptized and a practicing Catholic. Godparents should be at least 16 years of age and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Godparents' current lifestyles should be in accord with the Catholic faith.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT** (If not Catholic, please complete the *reverse side* of this form. Thank you.)

Please check all statements which apply:

My life bears witness to my readiness for the role of godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a baptized and currently practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a registered member of my parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ If married, I am validly married in the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ If single, I am not living in concubinage.

\_\_\_\_\_ I faithfully fulfill my Sunday and Holy Day obligations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am open to the living Word of God in sacred scripture and the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.

\_\_\_\_\_ The statements I have checked above are true.

My full name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

My signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of my parish \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of child being baptized (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONNEL AT GODPARENT'S CHURCH**

To the best of my knowledge, I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is:

\_\_\_\_\_ A Catholic in good standing

\_\_\_\_\_ A registered member of this parish.

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

*Parish Seal*

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

*Godparent should return this completed form to St. Mark Church as soon as possible.*

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**Christian Witness Eligibility Statement**

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation, which brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life.

There are usually two godparents. Only one of these, however, must be a baptized, practicing Catholic. The other may be a baptized, practicing member of another Christian denomination. While this person is referred to as a "Christian Witness" on this form, his/her role in the Baptism ceremony is the same as the Catholic godparent. Likewise, the expectation is that this Christian Witness will be a Christian role model for the child.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY CHRISTIAN WITNESS** (If Catholic, please complete the *reverse side* of this form. Thank you.)

Please check all statements which apply:

My life bears witness to my readiness for the role of godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a baptized and currently practicing Christian at least 16 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a registered member of my church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I regularly attend Sunday services.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am open to the living Word of God in sacred scripture and my church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Christian faith by word and example.

\_\_\_\_\_ The statements I have checked above are true.

My full name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of my church \_\_\_\_\_

My home address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child being baptized (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Christian Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Today's date)

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