

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Godparent Certification Form

To the Baptismal Godparent/ Sponsor:

Being a Godparent means that you are responsible for giving spiritual example to your Godchild of how to discover and celebrate the gifts of the Catholic faith in everyday life. Such devotion also offers remarkable support to parents who commit themselves to faithfully pass on the Catholic faith to their child.

Church Law (Canons 872 and 874) lists the requirements of those who serve as Godparents for Baptism as follows:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake the responsibility (16 years old).
2. Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
3. Must truly make a serious effort to live a good moral life worthy of imitation;
4. Must be an actively practicing Catholic able to receive Communion (those publicly living in a marriage outside of Church law or who are cohabiting (living together) are not eligible to be a sponsor)
5. Must be canonically free to carry out this office (that is, not bound by canonical penalty).

With these things in mind, it is important that you prayerfully consider this serious responsibility.

1. Sacrament of Confirmation:

a. Date received: _____ Location/ Church: _____

2. Sacrament of Marriage:

a. I am not married _____

b. I am married and my marriage has been blessed by the Catholic Church

_____ Yes _____ No Location/ Church: _____

I affirm that I am living my Catholic Faith and am able to receive the sacraments within the Catholic Church. I commit to serve as a companion, guide, and role model to my Godchild, as well as be a source of hope and encouragement for this child's parents, through my own example and witness in the Catholic Church.

GODPARENT – I _____ of _____
(PRINT FULL NAME) FIRST, MIDDLE, MAIDEN, MARRIED LAST NAME (Godparent's Church Parish)

located in _____ attest to the truth of the above information that I have provided and
(City and State of Church Parish)

accept the invitation to be Godparent to _____ for the Sacrament of
Child's FIRST MIDDLE LAST (Please Print)

Baptism at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Scott, Louisiana.

Signature of Godparent

Date

Pastor's Certification for Godparent – This is to certify that the above named individual is registered in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a Godparent according to Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church.

(Must be completed by the church where the Godparent is a parishioner.)

Church Seal

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Church Parish

City, State