

**STATEMENT OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF CANON LAW FOR BEING A BAPTISM  
OR CONFIRMATION GODPARENT / SPONSOR**

Excerpts from the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law:

Canon 872 – Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Canon 873 – Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each is to be employed.

Canon 874 –

1) to be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- A) be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intentions of performing the role;
- B) have completed the sixteenth year;
- C) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- D) not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- E) not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

2) A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and do understand the requirements for serving as a  
(*Print full name*)  
godparent/sponsor in the Catholic Church. I do solemnly swear that I am a fully initiated Catholic (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist); I understand that I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, seeking to be faithful to the teachings of the Church, and to regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments of the Church; I am not in an irregular marriage (my marriage is recognized as a valid Catholic marriage). Therefore, I am eligible to be admitted to the role of godparent / sponsor.

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(*Signature*)

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(*Date*)