



**THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA**  
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**BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR PROMISE CERTIFICATE**

To be chosen as Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is a great honor that carries with it great responsibility. It is your role to help form the candidate for Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic faith; to be a good role model and to inspire them to live an authentic Catholic Christian life. Thus, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law, the Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents/Sponsors:

1. **Can. 872** Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.
2. **Can. 873** There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.
3. **Can. 874** To be permitted to undertake the office of sponsor a person must:
  1. be appointed by the candidate, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish-priest or the minister to be appointed; the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
  2. be not less than 16 years of age
  3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;
  4. not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
  5. not be either the father or mother of the person.

**As a Godparent/Sponsor for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby attest:**

- I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- I regularly participate in the Sunday Mass and give witness to the faith in Christ Jesus by regularly receiving Him in Holy Communion.
- I am living my Christian vocation as a single person, or as a validly married person (married by the Catholic Church), or a clergyman.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact daily.
- I will give support to the person I am sponsoring my by prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life. I will help him/her be faithful to the Catholic faith.

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**Print Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**