

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Sponsor Eligibility

Baptism or Confirmation

Child's Name _____ Sponsor's Name _____

Please read the requirements for sponsorship before signing.

Canon 872.873 and 874 of the code of Canon Law lists those requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism.

The sponsor's role is together with the parent, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be used.

A Sponsor:

Yes No Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

Yes No Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Yes No Must be at least 16 years of age.

Yes No Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a Practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.

Yes No Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out of this office. (This would indicate that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage [not according to the Church regulations] and those who are co-habiting [living together without marriage] are ineligible.)

If Married: a copy of the Church Marriage certificate needed.

Yes No Must not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

A Christian Witness (together with a Catholic Sponsor):

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic community may not be admitted except as a witness to the Baptism and together with a Catholic Sponsor proxies are permitted.

Name of Proxy and reason must be given:

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the Faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the child and parents of the baptized.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a sponsor.

Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Signature _____
(Please print or type)

Name of Sponsor's Parish _____ Phone Number _____

THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED OUT BY YOUR PASTOR:

I certify that _____ is a member of this parish.

Date _____ (Rev.) _____
(signature)