



# ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION GODPARENT/SPONSOR FORM

Parents are strongly encouraged to bring their child's Baptism Godparents to accompany them through the ceremony. Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life and should serve as role models of the Catholic Faith. In their roles, Godparents represent the larger Church Community. Therefore, it is not only an honor, but also a tremendous responsibility to be a Godparent. If the Godparent is unavailable, a Sponsor can take the place of the Godparent. However, for this Sacrament, it is optional.

**The Catholic Church has provided guidelines to help you, the Parents, choose the best possible Godparent(s)/Sponsor(s) for your child. In the case you cannot find a sponsor, or the Godparents are not available, or you choose to opt out, you the parent(s) are able to accompany your child throughout the ceremony. The parent must also be in accordance with the guidelines below. If you have any concerns, please contact the Religious Education Office.**

- ❖ A child must have **at least one practicing Roman Catholic Godparent** in good standing with the Church. "Practicing" meaning weekly attendance at Mass and receive the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession).
- ❖ The Catholic Godparent must be **at least 16 years old** and mature enough to understand, accept, and carry out the duties of a Godparent.
- ❖ A Godparent must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion), and Confirmation. If the Godparent is Married, they ***must*** be Married in the Catholic Church.
- ❖ A Godparent must be living an exemplary life consistent with faith and morals as taught by the Roman Catholic Church.
- ❖ Only **One Godparent/Sponsor/Parent is required** to accompany your child during the ceremony. **Two Godparents/Sponsors (1 Male/1 Female) is the maximum** allowed.

**GODPARENT(S)/SPONSOR(S) MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE, OR A LETTER FROM THEIR PARISH STATING THEY HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

**GODPARENT(S)/SPONSOR(S) THAT ARE MARRIED, MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, OR A LETTER FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN WHICH THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE. WE ASK FOR THE CERTIFICATES TO ENSURE THAT THE GODPARENT(S)/SPONSOR(S) ARE A GREAT ROLE MODEL NOT ONLY IN LIFE BUT IN OUR CATHOLIC LIFE AS WELL.**



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Parent(s) if you do not wish to have a Godparent/Sponsor for this Sacrament, please indicate below by signing your name and returning this form to the Religious Education Office by the date indicated below:

I/we do not wish to have a Godparent/Sponsor for this Sacrament: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to have a Godparent/Sponsor, please have them fill out the information below. Please read the other side to ensure all requirements of a Godparent(s)/Sponsor(s) are met. Once completed, turn this form in with all required paperwork to the Religious Education Office by December 15, 2023

### Please Circle One

I am over the age of 16 years:            Yes   or   No

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed:    Yes   or   No

If married, I am married in the Catholic Church:    Yes   or   No   or   N/A

***If you have answered "NO" to any of the above statements, you are not eligible to be a Godparent/Sponsor at this time.***

I have received the following Sacraments of Initiation. (*\*MUST provide a copy of Confirmation Certificate or letter from Parish that you received your Sacrament. \*\*If Godparent(s)/Sponsor(s) is married, you MUST provide a copy of your Marriage Certificate or letter from the Church you were married.*)

BAPTISM     EUCHARIST (1ST COMMUNION)     CONFIRMATION\*     MARRIAGE\*\*

### **Please print clearly for church records**

Name of Communicant whom you are sponsoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godparent or Sponsor #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godparent or Sponsor #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Communicant:     Baptism Godparent     Family Friend     Relative     Father     Mother