

SAINT COLUMBA CHURCH
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Godparent/Sponsor Certificate Form

Please read the following carefully, check boxes, sign and have your parish priest certify.

The Catholic Church requires that all those who assume the responsibilities and obligations of godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or of sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation practice their religion faithfully and are exemplary in their conduct as members of the Roman Catholic Church. Consequently, letters of approbation to serve as godparent or sponsor will be issued only to persons able to make **all** the following affirmations and agreements:

- I am a Roman Catholic, who is a registered and participating member of Saint Columba Roman Catholic Church located in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.
- I have been asked to be a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation and I am not the father/stepfather or the mother/stepmother of the one to be baptized or confirmed. (Canon 874, §1, 1 and 5)
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen years. (Canon 874, §1, 2)
- I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. (Canon 874, §1,3)
- I believe and hold true all the official teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- I am either SINGLE or, if am MARRIED, I have been validly married in accord with all Roman Catholic Church laws, Norms, and Principles (i.e., married by a Catholic priest or deacon, married by a minister with proper dispensation from the Catholic Church; had marriage validated by the Catholic Church) [ref. Canon 874, §1,4]
- I participate weekly in the Saturday evening or Sunday Mass and give witness to my Faith in Jesus Christ by receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist on a regular basis. I keep the Holy Days of Obligation.
- During Lent, I do penance, abstain from meat on Fridays, and fast on the days appointed.
- If I have children, I am rearing or have reared them in the Catholic Faith by preparing them for the reception of the Sacraments, by enrolling them in religious education, and by seeing to it that they attend Mass regularly.
- I strive actively to live out my own baptismal commitment to Christ, to study my faith and to do my best to share the teachings of Christ with others, both by my words and actions, and do all in my power to give witness of the love of Jesus by my lifestyle.
- I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a godparent or a sponsor. I promise to give support and guide the person I am sponsoring by my prayers, and most especially, by my own Catholic example of my daily life.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FOR: _____
(Name of Godchild/Candidate)

I affirm that, by my signature, I am attesting to the truth of all these statements, whereby I am eligible to be a godparent or a sponsor.

Godparent's/Sponsor's Printed Name: _____

Godparent's/Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby testify that the person whose signature is above is a registered member of the parish and has affirmed that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Attested by Reverend _____ (Parish Seal)

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