

Basilica of St. Adalbert

Godparent/Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility

Full name of person to be baptized or confirmed:_____

According to Canons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law, a Godparent/Sponsor must meet ALL of the following requirements. Please initial next to each requirement if you meet that requirement.

_____ The Diocese of Grand Rapids requires Godparents/Sponsors to be at least sixteen (16) years old, but over the age of twenty (20) is recommended. Therefore, I declare that I am sufficiently mature to fulfill the responsibilities of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ I am in full Communion with the Catholic Church, meaning, I have received the three sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

_____ (IF MARRIED) I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest of deacon; or married by a minister with proper dispensation from the Bishop; or I had my marriage validated (blessed) by the Catholic Church.

_____ (IF SINGLE) I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church (not cohabitating).

_____ Barring circumstances beyond my control, I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation and I follow the other Precepts of the Catholic Church, i.e. I confess my sins at least once a year; I receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; I observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church; and I help to provide for the needs of the Church.

_____ I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

_____ I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches to be true and revealed by God. Furthermore, I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I meet all the above requirements to be a Godparent or sponsor. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person to be baptized/confirmed by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example and do accept my obligations to him/her and the Roman Catholic Church. I promise to the best of my ability to encourage the child/adult to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

Godparent/Sponsor Name:_____

Name of Godparent's/Sponsor's Church Parish:_____ City and State_____

Name of Church of Godparent's/Sponsor's Baptism: _____ City and State_____

Name of Church of Godparent's/Sponsor's Marriage:_____ City and State_____

Godparent/Sponsor Signature:_____

Pastor's Certification

This is to certify that _____ is a:

_____ Catholic in good standing and meets the requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ Registered parishioner of _____ Parish.

Pastor's Signature:_____ Date:_____

