



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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## Statement of the godparent

I \_\_\_\_\_ have been asked by \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name) (name of parent / guardian)

to serve as a godparent for \_\_\_\_\_ who will be baptized at Sacred Heart  
(name of child)  
Catholic Church on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

In accepting this responsibility, I understand that I must meet certain requirements set forth in Canon Law (Canon 874.1) and, to establish my eligibility, I will answer the questions that follow truthfully. *(If you are unable to answer these questions as required, please consider withdrawing as a godparent or, if helpful, speak with a priest of our parish.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Have you been asked by the parent(s) to be a godparent for this child? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you 16 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you the mother or father of the child to be baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Eucharist? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you bound by any canonical penalty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*If you are under a canonical penalty, you'd likely be aware of it. Church penalties are invoked against those who commit heresy (c 1364), publicly "excites hatred or contempt against religion or the Church" (c 1369), teach "a doctrine condemned by the Roman Pontiff or an ecumenical council" (c 1371), misuse or desecrate the Eucharist (c 1367), and other similar, serious acts.*

Do you promise to assist the parent(s) in training the child "in the practice of the faith", teaching them to "keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor?" ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*(This is the promise you will make at the baptism.)*

**(Over)**

Do you lead a life of faith in keeping with the duties of a godparent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*This is critically important. You can't help the parents raise the child in the Catholic faith if you are not practicing it yourself. So, in order to be a godparent you must be attending Mass weekly, have a regular prayer practice, in some way give of your time, talent, and treasure to help others, regularly participate in the sacrament of confession, and, if married, your marriage must be in keeping with Church Law (witnessed by a priest and celebrated in a Catholic Church) or, if not married, you cannot be in a relationship wherein you are living together without marriage.*