



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
(name of child)

_____ Catholic Church on _____.
(parish name) (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?
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. Yes No

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?" *(This is the promise you will make at the baptism.)* Yes No

Do you lead a life of faith in keeping with the duties of a godparent?
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 should be attending Mass weekly, have some form of regular prayer practice, in some way give of your time, talent, and treasure to help others, participate in the sacrament of confession at least once a year, and, if married, your marriage must be in keeping with Church Law (witnessed by a priest and celebrated in a Catholic Church unless given an explicit exception by a bishop). Yes No