

# The Sacrament of Baptism

## GODPARENT INFORMATION FORM

Godparents are chosen by the parents on the basis of example, good qualities, and friendship, delegated by the local Christian community, and approved by the minister of Baptism.

It is the responsibility of the Godparents to assist the parents to guide the baptized child to a life in the fullness of faith. Godparents do this by showing the child how to practice the Gospel in personal and social life, by supporting both parents and child, and by bearing witness to the Catholic faith.

In order to meet this responsibility, Godparents must meet these requirements:

1. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Godparents must be baptized Catholics who have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
3. Godparents must lead a life of faith consistent with their responsibilities.\*\*

\*\* A life of faith is one which observes both the commandments and the laws of the Church. At a minimum, it would include regular attendance at Sunday Mass and frequent participation in the Sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation. If the Godparent is married, the marriage must have been according the laws of the Church, witnessed by a priest or deacon. The Godparent is to be an example to the baptized child, showing love of God and love of neighbor in his or her style of life.

Note: If you wish to be a Godparent, but do not meet all the requirements, please contact a priest or deacon at St. Pius V (713-473-9484). We can help if you are lacking the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage.

Godparents, by your signature below you attest that you are ready to fulfill these requirements and your responsibilities to the parents and child.

Name of the Child to be Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Godparent's Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_

If married, Parish in which married \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Godparents must have attended Baptismal Preparation classes either at St. Pius V or in their home parish. Please submit a certificate of attendance prior to the date of baptism.
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