

GODPARENT CERTIFICATE FOR BAPTISM

Child's Full Name: _____

Father's/Legal Guardian's Full Name: _____

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Full Name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

***** **CONFIDENTIAL** *****

GODPARENT'S COMMITMENT

As a practicing Catholic, I appreciate that being a godparent is an important opportunity for me to witness to my faith and to be a good example of Catholic life to my godchild. I have conscientiously considered what I have been asked to do. I promise, with God's grace, to be the best sponsor I can be.

Therefore, in accordance with Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, and the policies of the Archdiocese of Seattle and St. Mark Catholic Church, I now affirm and sign below that:

- I have been duly designated a sponsor (godparent) by the one to be baptized, by his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s), or by the pastor or minister of Baptism.
- I am or will be at least 16 years old at the time of the Baptism.
- I have completed my own Christian initiation through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and am not bound by any canonical penalty.
- I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- I am a registered member of a Catholic parish, and am in good standing with the Church (i.e., I receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation when necessary, and faithfully abide by all the Church's teachings).
- I will continue to be a model of Catholic living for my godchild, through daily prayer, virtuous living and active participation in parish life and liturgy, particularly weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I will try to maintain a consistent and life-giving relationship of faith with my godchild by doing such things as celebrating significant moments (i.e., the anniversary of their Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and graduation), and supporting my godchild in his or her own struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life.

Signature of Godparent & date

Print Name of Godparent

If you are NOT a member of St. Mark Parish, please have your Parish Pastor complete the following:

PASTOR'S PERMISSION TO BE A GODPARENT

The person signed above is a registered member of this parish and to the best of my knowledge is capable of assuming the duties of sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and is sincere in the promises stated above.

Signature of Pastor or Delegate

Parish Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

