



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## Confirmation/Baptism Sponsor (Godparent) Certificate Form

Please read the following carefully, check boxes, sign and return to St. Mary's Church office to certify.

The Catholic Church requires that all those who assume the responsibilities and obligations of sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation practice their religion faithfully and are exemplary in their conduct as members of the Roman Catholic Church. Consequently, letters of approbation will be issued only to persons able to make the following affirmations and agreements:

- I am a Roman Catholic, who is a registered and participating member of St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Virginia Tech Newman Community.
- I have been asked to be a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation and I am not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed. (Canon 874, §1, 1 and 5)
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen years. (Canon 874, §1, 2)
- I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. (Canon 874, §1, 3)
- I worship regularly at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by partaking in Holy Communion and by participating in the life of my parish.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the Church by the sacrificial giving of my time, talent, and treasure, and by my loving response to my neighbor.
- I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a Sponsor/Godparent. I promise to give support and guide the person I am sponsoring by my prayers, and most especially, by my own Catholic example of my daily life.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Candidate's Name)

**I affirm that, by my signature, I am attesting to the truth of all these statements.**

Sponsor's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby testify that the person whose signature is above is a registered member of the parish and has affirmed that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry as sponsor for the sacrament of either Baptism or Confirmation.**

Attested by Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish Seal)