



**St Gerald Catholic Church**  
**Baptismal Sponsor Approval Form**

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH WITH SIGNATURES BEFORE THE BAPTISM**

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Being a SPONSOR OR GODPARENT is both a privilege and a DUTY. This Religious commitment challenges the one so honored to be a responsible partner and a good example in mentoring the faith life of the person to be baptized.

Church Law (canons 873 and 874) requires that a sponsor be :

1. Not less than sixteen (16) years of age.
2. A confirmed Roman Catholic who is regularly receiving the Eucharist.
3. Actively living a life of faith which reflects the role of sponsorship. This means attending Mass regularly.
4. Not under a canonical (church) penalty, whether imposed or declared; this also means your marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church; you were married by a Catholic Priest or a Catholic Deacon.
5. One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; if two, one must be male and the other female.

The "life of faith" should include full active and conscious participation in the regular worship of the Church, reception of the Eucharist and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (If married, a sponsor's marriage should be in harmony with church laws.) Sponsors and godparents should strive to be good examples of our Catholic Faith.

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I am honored, yet humbled, to serve as a Sponsor. I have every intention to fulfill the challenges of sharing my faith in the Catholic life of:

Name of person to be baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The above signed Catholic(s) is/are members of this parish: I can attest to his/her/their active participation in the faith life of the Church

Pastor/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_