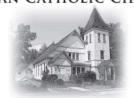
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Today's Date

BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR AFFIRMATION

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of baptism or confirmation, a sponsor is present. The function of the sponsor is; A) together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church; and B) to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

In accord with **Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law**, the Church can admit a person to the role of sponsor if; A) he or she is not less than sixteen years of age; B) is a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Blessed Eucharist and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; and C) is neither the father or the mother of the person.

Given the role a sponsor exercises, a **non-Catholic, yet Christian** cannot be admitted as a sponsor; however, he or she can be a witness. A **non-Christian** cannot serve in this latter capacity but is welcome to be present at the ceremony.

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor "lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken". This phraseology means that the candidate for sponsor; A) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; B) regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and C) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

Consequently,

Location of the Baptism/Confirmation

- 1. Those Catholics who have not received Confirmation and the Blessed Eucharist and are not regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- 2. Those Catholics who are invalidly married, as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation;
- 3. Those Catholics who are divorced and invalidly remarried (without an annulment from their previous marriage); Do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor.

II. Affirmation of the Prospective Sponsor

Date of Ceremony	Name of Baptism / Confirmation Candidate
sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fu	, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as Ifill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intendue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the

Sponsor's Signature