

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish
Church of St. Mary + Church of Our Lady of Grace
451 South Getty Street, Muskegon, MI 49442

**Godparent/Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility
(PLEASE PRINT)**

Full name of person to be baptized or confirmed: _____

According to Canons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law, a Godparent/Sponsor must meet *ALL* of the following requirements. Please initial next to each requirement if you meet that requirement.

_____ The Diocese of Grand Rapids requires Godparents/Sponsors to be at least sixteen (16) years old, but over the age of twenty (20) is recommended. Therefore, I declare that I am sufficiently mature to fulfill the responsibilities of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ I am in full Communion with the Catholic Church, meaning, I have received the three sacraments of initiation— Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

_____ (IF MARRIED) I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest or deacon; or married by a minister with proper dispensation from the Bishop; or I had my marriage validated (blessed) by the Catholic Church.

_____ (IF SINGLE) I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church (not cohabitating).

_____ Barring circumstances beyond my control, I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation and I follow the other Precepts of the Catholic Church, i.e. I confess my sins at least once a year; I receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; I observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church; and I help to provide for the needs of the Church.

_____ I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

_____ I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches to be true, revealed by God, and necessary for salvation. Furthermore, I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

I declare that I am a registered member of the Church parish (listed below) and that I meet all the requirements (listed above) to be a Godparent or sponsor. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person to be baptized/confirmed by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example and do accept my obligations to him/her and the Roman Catholic Church. I promise to the best of my ability to encourage the child/adult to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

Godparent/Sponsor Name: _____

Name of Godparent's/Sponsor's Church Parish: _____ City and State _____

Name of Church of Godparent's/Sponsor's Baptism: _____ City and State _____

Name of Church of Godparent's/Sponsor's Marriage: _____ City and State _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Godparent/Sponsor Signature: _____

Pastor's Certification

This is to certify that _____ is a:

_____ Catholic in good standing and meets the requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor.

_____ Registered parishioner of _____ Church Parish.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Church Seal

Official Witness Commitment Form (for Baptism Only)

_____ I have never been baptized in the Catholic Church.

_____ I am a Christian baptized in the _____ Church.

_____ I practice my religion on a regular basis and promise to be a role model to support the parents of this child.

Signature of Witness: _____ Date: _____