



**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

833 Main Street | Agawam, MA 01001

**GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM**

To be chosen as a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is a great honor that carries with it great responsibility. It is your role to help form the candidate for Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic Faith, and/or to assist their parents, who are the primary educators of the faith, to be a good role model, and to inspire them to live an authentic Catholic Christian life.

1. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Sponsors must be Catholics who have received all Sacraments of Initiation (are baptized and confirmed, and have received first communion).
3. Sponsors must lead a life “in harmony with the faith;” this, must be a registered and active member in their parish, attending Mass regularly; and if married, must be in a valid Catholic Marriage.
4. Sponsors must be someone other than the child’s parents.  
(cf.can 874)

As a Sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of child, youth, or person you are sponsoring)*

Name of Godparent/Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

(With my initials below) I affirm the following:

- I am a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Mass and receive the Sacraments, following the Law of God and the precepts of the Church.
- I am at least sixteen years old and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- I am not a parent of the candidate who will receive the Sacrament.
- I understand and accept the obligations of a Sponsor, to lead a life of faith and to pray and assist my candidate in his/her spiritual growth.
- I regularly approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- I am single and not cohabitating **-or-** I am in a recognized Catholic marriage; (married in the Catholic Church or celebrated Convalidation of Marriage.)

I hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all of the requirements and joyfully accept my role to act as a Godparent/Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Date of declaration \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your home Parish (if other than St. John the Evangelist) \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by sponsor’s pastor subsequent to a personal meeting: This certifies that the above named individual is known to me as a parishioner in good standing and that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.**

Church of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

