

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH



Godparent/ Christian Witness Certificate of Eligibility

PLEASE SIGN & RETURN TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO SETTING DATE OF BAPTISM

You have been asked to be a godparent or *Christian witness* for an upcoming baptism at *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*. We ask you to reflect on your responsibilities as a potential godparent and fill out this commitment form. **If you are Catholic**, please have a priest/deacon from the parish at which you are registered sign the bottom portion and affix the parish seal. Please return this form to our parish by mail or fax at your earliest convenience to *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1301 Center Road, Venice, Florida 34292* **ATTN: BAPTISM**.

A godparent is an important person in the life of the child to be baptized. A godparent is a *spiritual role model, an example of the Christian life* and the *official representative of the Body of Christ, the Church*, into which an individual is being baptized. As a godparent you are to be a *source of guidance, support, and inspiration*, to this child on his/her faith journey, and when appropriate, assist the parents in the Christian formation of this child.

Full Name of Godparent/Christian Witness: _____

Full Name of Person to be Baptized: _____

I am a registered and participating member of _____ in _____
Church Name City, State

Check ALL that apply:

- I am a Catholic and I have been *baptized, received First Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation*.
- I believe in the faith of the Catholic Church and I truly make a serious effort to live a good and moral life in accordance with the teachings of the Church.
- I am a baptized member of another Christian tradition. I was baptized at _____ church in the _____ faith tradition.
Name of Church
Enter Faith Denomination, e.g., Protestant, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Baptist
- I affirm that I meet the qualifications and accept the responsibilities of being a godparent/Christian witness. I promise to the best of my ability to serve as an example in encouraging this child to love the Lord our God with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love their neighbor as themselves.

Godparent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Catholic Priest / Deacon at the Parish at which you are a member (This must be completed before sending the form back):

- The person named above is a confirmed Catholic.
- The person named above is also in good standing at this Parish and that they meet the above stated criteria to be a Catholic godparent.

Pastor/Deacon Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parish: _____ **Please affix Parish Seal:**