



God-father Requirements for your Child's Baptism

Each person to be baptized requires at least one person who will act as either their God-father or God-mother. This person's responsibility, together with the parents, is to assist the child/children in fulfilling their baptismal promises under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The God-father is chosen by the parents, should this person not be able to attend for the Baptism ceremony, a parent may appoint a proxy who meets the same qualifications for their chosen God-father.

The following outline should assist you with the selection of a person whom you feel best suits the qualities of a God-father.

Canon 872 – assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Canon 873 – Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each is to be employed.

Canon 874 – Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility

- Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Should be at least 16 years of age
- Leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- Must be a member of the Catholic Church in good standing
- Must NOT be the mother or father of the child.

Please complete the information below and return the form to the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

Name Person to be baptized:

(Print full name, First Middle and Last)

God-father

I _____ have read and do understand the requirements for serving as a
(Print full name of God-father)

God-father in the Catholic Church. I do solemnly swear that I am a fully initiated Catholic (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist); I understand that I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, seeking to be faithful to the teachings of the Church, and to regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments of the Church; I am not in an irregular marriage (my marriage is recognized as a valid Catholic marriage). Therefore, I am eligible to be admitted to the role of God-father.

(Signature)

(Date)