

Certificate of Eligibility for Godparents

Dear Parents:

The second half of this sheet is a certificate of eligibility, which is required of the people you have selected to be godparents for your child.

The Certificate of Eligibility is a statement that the Godmother and Godfather are members in good standing in the parish in which they worship and that they are competent to act as sponsor at your child's Baptism.

Competency to act as Godparent requires the following according to Church Law (CIC #874):

1. **Have completed the 16th year;**
2. **Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;**
3. **Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;**
4. **Not be the Father or Mother of the one to be baptized.**
5. **A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.**

Please have this form filled out and signed by the Pastor of your Godparents parish for each Godparent before attending the Baptism classes to ensure that you and your family are in compliance with Church Law.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Is a member of this parish, in good standing and is competent to act as sponsor at Baptism for: (name of child) _____

Parish Seal: _____ **Rev.** _____

Parish: _____

Return this form to the Pastor of St. Anne, Sts. Francis Xavier & Paul the Apostle and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish before beginning the Baptism preparation classes.