

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Roman Catholic Church

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Godparent (Sponsor) Requirements:

The Catholic Church requires the following for Godparents: (Canon 874.1)

- One Catholic godparent is all that is required, but if two is chosen, one must be male and the other female.
- A baptized person who is actively practicing their Christian faith may be a sponsor in the role of "Christian Witness", but only in company with a practicing catholic.
- Must be leading a life of faith, living the Catholic faith and is a registered and practicing member of a Catholic parish.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- Have to be at least sixteen years of age.
- They must have received the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation
- If married, the marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

Godparent Eligibility Certificate

GODPARENT'S INFORMATION...Please Print

Godparent's Name: _____

Godparent's Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work or Cell: _____ Email: _____

I have attended Baptism preparation class within the past 5 years Yes No

If Yes please note: Date _____ Location _____

I, _____, a registered member
(Godparent's Full Name)

of _____ Parish, have been asked to be a godparent
(Godparent's Parish)

for _____ at Resurrection of Our Lord in Laurel, MD.
(Name of Child to be baptized)

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following (please check off):

- I am not the parent of the above-mentioned person.
- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- I am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church (witnessed by Catholic priest or deacon)
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I am an active member of my Parish and involved with service to others.

I understand that as a Catholic godparent, I must be mature enough and willing to accept the responsibility of being ready to help the parent(s) to bring up their child in the Catholic faith. By my life and my example, I will try to help the child to keep God's commandments as Jesus teaches us through the Scriptures and the Church by loving God and neighbor. I accept the responsibility, along with the parents, to train the child in the practice of the Catholic faith, in worship and sacrament, by witness and service.

Signature of the godparent: _____ Date _____

I certify that to the best of my knowledge this person is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of a godparent.

Signature of the godparent's Pastor or Designee: _____ Date: _____

Parish Seal

BAPTISMAL DATE WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER ALL FORMS ARE RECEIVED