

# Our Lady of Grace

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## Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of person to be baptized or confirmed*

**Canon 872** — Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to 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 sex is to be employed.

**Canon 874** — §1. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- 1° be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- 2° have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- 3° be a Catholic who has been confirmed and already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- 4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5° not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

**Canon 892** — As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

**Canon 893** — §1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I meet all canonical requirements to act as  
*(printed name of sponsor/godparent)*  
sponsor for baptism/confirmation. That is:

- 1) I am at least sixteen years of age;
- 2) I am confirmed in the Catholic Church;
- 3) I have made my First Holy Communion;
- 4) I strive to lead “a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken” (Canon 874-3);
- 5) I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation unless I am prevented by sickness, work or lack of transportation; and I believe and profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes and professes to be revealed by God;
- 6) I am either single and not living in a sinful relationship, or my current marriage is recognized as valid in the Catholic Church;
- 7) I am either a member of Our Lady of Grace Church, or I have obtained and attached a letter of permission from my home parish;
- 8) I have attended the required preparation session(s) for sponsors/godparents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## *Parent Requirements*

- **By choosing to have your child baptized, you are committing to raise your child in the Catholic Faith.**
- Parents must be registered members of our Church. If you are not members of our Church you must provide a letter of permission from your Parish.
- Parents must provide the Child's birth certificate.
- If your child is of school age, he/she will be required to be enrolled in our Religious Education Program and will need to meet with our Director of Religious Education or a designated catechist.
- Parent(s) are required to take a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism. If they have attended a class within the last three years they will not have to repeat the class. However they will need to provide proof of attendance. If taken at Our Lady of Grace Parish, we need the date of when the class was taken in order to verify attendance.
- English Baptisms will be scheduled on the third Saturday of the month and Spanish Baptisms on the fourth Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
- All requirements need to be completed by the Monday prior to the Baptism date.

## *Godparent Requirements*

- Godparents must be in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- If Godparents are married they must be married through the Catholic Church, be practicing Catholics, and provide their Church Marriage Certificate.
- If Godparents are single, they must provide their Confirmation certificate.
- If they are NOT registered members of our Parish, they must return this form back to us signed.
- Godparent(s) are required to take a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism. If they have attended a class within the last three years they will not have to repeat the class. However they will need to provide proof of attendance. If taken at Our Lady of Grace Parish, we need the date of when the class was taken in order to verify attendance.

## *Baptism Preparation Class*

- We offer these classes on the second Tuesday in English and the third Tuesday of the month in Spanish.
- Classes begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.
- You must register for these classes. If you would like to register, call the parish office at 520-568-4605.
- No childcare services are available.

**For your convenience, please use the checklist below.**

### Parents

- Submit Child's Birth Certificate
- Letter of permission from their parish if not registered members of Our Lady of Grace parish.
- Register for Baptism Preparation Class
- Select Godparents \*See above for requirements.

### Godparents

- If married: provide Catholic Marriage Certificate & Confirmation Certificate
- If Single: provide Confirmation Certificate
- Register for Baptism Preparation Class here OR provide proof of preparation class attendance.
- This form returned and signed.