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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 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 St. Michael the Archangel Catholic 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 Signature

Date