



THE BASILICA OF  
SAINT MARY  
*Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia*

## Certificate to Serve as a Godparent or Sponsor for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Catechumen or Candidate

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent/sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. A godparent/sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent/sponsor, a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) is not in an irregular marriage, is not living a life of habitual sin, and is living in accord with the Church's teaching on sexuality;
- Be at least sixteen years of age;
- Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent or sponsor;
- Not be a parent, or step-parent, of the individual to be confirmed.

**I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I HEREBY TESTIFY that** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of godparent/sponsor)

**is a registered member of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of parish)

**and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Godparent/Sponsor information

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Please initial after reading the following paragraph:*

I understand that as a godparent or sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, meaning, for example, that I regularly attend Mass; I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation; I am not in an irregular marriage; and I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church. I attest that I have received the sacrament of Confirmation and that I am at least 16 years old. I also understand that being a godparent or sponsor is a commitment of time. I will attend the celebrations of liturgical rites, and other initiation-related events to the best of my ability. I further understand that being chosen as a godparent or sponsor is a lifetime commitment to be, as I am able, a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life to the individual I am called to serve. If I am not a member of the Basilica of St. Mary, then I will have the Pastor from my own parish, or his authorized delegate, sign the appropriate Godparent/Sponsor certificate attesting to the fact that I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, follow the precepts of the Church, and possess no impediments for serving as a godparent or sponsor.

### I. Contact Information

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Sacramental History

Place Where You Were Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

(include church name (or hospital, etc.), city, region (state, province, etc.), and country)

Parish Where You Are Currently Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***For Office Use***

Godparent/Sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If from another parish, Certificate or Letter of Good Standing received by Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_