

GODPARENT STATEMENT

It is an ancient custom of the Church that at the baptism of infants, godparents be present to represent the expanded spiritual family of the child being baptized and the role of the Church as a mother. Each baptized child may have either a godmother or godfather or both a godfather and a godmother.

Requirements for godparents:

1. The godparent must be mature enough to understand, accept and carry out the duties of a godparent. That person normally should be at least 16 years of age, but exceptions are possible.
2. The godparent ordinarily must have received the three initiation sacraments – baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.
3. The godparent should be living an exemplary life consistent with the faith and the responsibilities of a godparent through attendance at Church and following the teaching of the Church.
4. The godparent must be a member of the Catholic Church. However, a baptized and believing Christian not belonging to the Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness as long as there is also a Catholic godparent.

THEREFORE, being a godparent means that you will have a special role in the baptismal ceremony but more importantly you will have the responsibility of witnessing to a lived Catholic faith and offering support and encouragement to parents who commit themselves to faithfully raise their child in the practice of the Catholic Faith.

As a sign of your willingness to accept this responsibility we ask you to affix your signature to this statement.

Godchild's name _____

Godparent's signature

Date

Please mail this to: St. Francis of Assisi Church
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