

**YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR/GODPARENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION. PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO YOUR PARISH, COMPLETE AND SIGN IT IN FRONT OF THEM IN THE AREA PROVIDED BELOW. THEY WILL ALSO SIGN THE FORM AND STAMP IT WITH THEIR OFFICIAL CHURCH SEAL.**

### The Requirements of Sponsor

The role of *sponsor* is an important one for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Church sees the *sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

#### **Check all that apply:**

- I am a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- I am at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- I have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
- I am **NOT** married outside the Church, therefore I *am* able to receive Communion and able to be a sponsor.
- I have **NOT** left the Church (A Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor, and cannot be a "Christian witness" if they have joined another Christian community).
- I am not a parent of the child to be baptized.

### Christian Witness – (A baptized non-Catholic Christian)

Provided there is one Catholic sponsor, a baptized non-Catholic Christian may serve as a Christian witness for Baptism only. This person is a *Christian witness* and not a *sponsor*.

### Requirements to be a Christian Witness:

#### **Check all that apply:**

- I am at least sixteen years old
- I am a validly baptized Christian
- I am living an upright life
- I am not the parent of the child being baptized or Confirmed.
- I am not a Catholic who has left the Church
- A Christian witness may never be a non-baptized person. For example, Jewish or Muslim godparents are not permitted by universal church law.
- The notation "Christian witness" is placed under the name of the non-Catholic Christian witness in the baptismal register.

## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR



I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_, who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ at the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that I understand the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role. I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

**By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.**

Parish of: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Delegate

**\*\*SIGNATURE REQUIRED FROM THE SPONSOR'S CURRENT CHURCH OF ATTENDANCE\*\***