

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

777 NE Blackwell Rd
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

SPONSOR/GODPARENT

Affidavit

FOR THE BAPTISM OF *(name of child)* _____

(son/daughter of) _____

(Please check all that apply)

- I attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation.
- I am at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- If married, my marriage was in the Catholic Church or is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
- If I have children, my children are being educated in the Catholic Church.
- I understand my responsibility as a Catholic Godparent.
- I am a registered member of _____ Catholic Church in

_____ and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.
(City and State)

Sponsor/Godparent name-**printed**

Sponsor/Godparent name – **signature**

*The rules of the church in the matter of sponsors are very clear. At least one **Catholic** sponsor/godparent is required at a Catholic baptism. The requirements for a single sponsor are from the Code of Canon Law:*

*Canon #872 "In the baptism of children, a godparent is to be present in order to represent the expansion of the spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as a mother. **As occasion offers, the godparent helps the parents to lead the child to profess the faith and to show this by living it.**"*

*Canon #874 "To be admitted to the role of sponsor (godparent), a person must be able to profess with the parents the church's faith when the child is being baptized and be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian. Have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or an exception is made for a special reason. **Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and leads a life of faith in keeping with the role of the sponsor; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.**"*

(To be completed by Pastor of the Catholic Church the Godparent is currently registered at)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

___That based on the above testimony, I see no reason why _____ cannot serve as Godparent.

___That based on the above testimony, I leave the decision for _____ to serve as Godparent up to your discretion.

Date: _____

Signature of Pastor, Administrator or Pastoral Associate

Required
Church Seal

Title