

# ST. MARGARET *of Scotland* Catholic Church

## Baptismal Godparent Information

**STEP 1:** Read over the requirements below before selecting a godparent. Only invite a person to serve as a godparent if you are confident that they meet the requirements. Failure to do so could create an embarrassing situation for the person you select if that person is found not to be eligible for the role because they do not meet the requirements.

**STEP 2:** Have the selected person complete the Godparent Eligibility Form and submit it to their parish of membership to be verified and signed, complete with the parish seal.

**STEP 3:** Return the completed form to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. The original document is preferred. You are welcome to drop it at the parish office or mail it to:

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

**Attn: Office Manager**

777 NE Blackwell Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64086

### What is a Godparent?

Being a godparent for Baptism is an important role in the Catholic Church. This person represents the Church's teachings and practices in the life of a child. During the Rite of Baptism, the godparent promises to help the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents, which is a promise to pray for the child and to serve as a mentor and role model throughout life.

Precisely because it is important, there are certain requirements that must be met by those seeking to be godparents. Someone who serves as a godparent represents the Church, and therefore there are inquiries made about the spiritual life of the individual before that person is permitted to fulfill the role.

### What are the requirements to be a Godparent?

These requirements for sponsors are based on canons 872 - 874 of the Code of Canon Law, which means they are not determined by the local parish but are universal in the Church

1. A person who is to be baptized must have at least one godparent. While it has become a tradition to have two godparents at Baptism, only one is required. If two are desired, they may not be of the same sex. No more than two godparents are permitted.
2. A godparent must have completed the sixteenth year of age.
3. A godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. A Catholic who has left the Catholic Church or is no longer practicing may not be a godparent.
4. If the person is married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. A Catholic whose marriage is not recognized by the Church, may not serve as a godparent.
5. If the person is not married, the person may not be living with another person in a romantic relationship.
6. A baptized non-Catholic may be admitted as a Christian witness at Baptism, but only together with a Catholic godparent (baptismal sponsor). A person baptized in the Catholic Church who does not meet the godparent requirements may not be a Christian witness, nor may a non-baptized person serve in this capacity.

# ST. MARGARET *of Scotland* Catholic Church

## Baptismal Godparent Information

### Godparent(s) Information

Godfather's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Will either be represented by a proxy? YES NO

(If yes)

Proxy Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Notes/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_