

Godparents:

- It is acceptable to choose only one godparent for your child; however, that one person must be an active, practicing Catholic. This sponsor must meet the following criteria:
 - Be at least 16 years of age
 - Be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) and
 - Be married by the Church or living single
- If you desire to have two godparents then Canon Law requires that there be one male and one female. Of the two godparents, at least one must be an active, participating Catholic who meets the requirements listed above. The other Godparent may be a Christian.
- If both Godparents are Catholic, both must comply with the requirements listed above.
- Parents can choose one **Christian Witness** to witness the baptism as well as one **Catholic godparent**. A Christian witness is a baptized non-Catholic who belongs to another Christian community.
- Your Catholic godparent (or godparents, if both are Catholic) must either be registered members here at Christ the King or provide a Letter of Good Standing from their home parish.
- The Letter of Good Standing and with any other supporting documents (i.e., Marriage Certificate by the Church, baptism prep class certificate) must be mailed or faxed to the CTK church office directly from the parish.
- Godparents are often from out-of-town. If they are unable to be present on the day of the Baptism they can be represented by proxy. A proxy can be a family member, a friend or a parishioner who will stand in for your official godparent on the day of the baptism.

Godparent Certificate

I, _____,

registered member of _____ Catholic Church,

located in (City & State) _____,

have been asked to be a godparent for (Child's Name)

_____,

Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) _____

who resides at (Parents' Address) _____

as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

Christian Witnesses

Name of Christian Witness:

_____ Baptized in

_____ Faith. (Name of Church, City and State in

which the Christian Witness practices): _____.

I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church and, if married, am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church. (For Catholic godparents)
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to receive the Holy Eucharist. (For Catholic godparents)
- I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- I am/shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.

Signature of Godparent or Christian Witness

Date