



GODPARENT APPLICATION

TODAY'S DATE: _____

NAME OF CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED: _____

GODPARENT INFORMATION

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____ GENDER: M F

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE _____

CURRENT REGISTERED PARISH _____
(Church Name, City & State)

CONFIRMED? YES NO MARITAL STATUS: _____ MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? YES NO

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN A BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS? YES NO DATE & LOCATION: _____

CHECKLIST

- YOU MUST INCLUDE WITH THIS FORM:
- A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE
 - IF MARRIED, A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CHURCH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
 - IF YOU TOOK A BAPTISM CLASS AT ANOTHER PARISH, A COPY OF YOUR CLASS CERTIFICATE

If you have any difficulty obtaining these documents, please call us. We will help you!

GODPARENT'S COMMITMENT

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Godparent to the child named above. I have read and understand the responsibilities and requirements of being a Godparent

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PASTOR'S PERMISSION TO BE A GODPARENT

If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Nicholas, the following must be completed by the pastor from your parish.

The person signed above is a member of this parish, has completed baptism classes, and is eligible to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

Or Delegate

PRINT PASTOR'S NAME: _____

Or Delegate's Name & Title

PARISH: _____

(Church Name, City & State)

PHONE: _____





*"Godparents serve as ministers representing the faith community into which the candidate is being initiated"
(Many Gifts, One Spirit)*

Dear Godparent,

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important ministry! Please carefully read this letter and consider your role as the Godparent of this child.

A Godparent is appointed to a very important task. You have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in your Godchild's Christian life and education, second only to the parents. The most important task of a Godparent is to be an example of a lived faith. Therefore, it is essential that anyone appointed by the Church to be a Godparent is an active and participating Catholic. To be a Godparent is a lifelong responsibility to help the Godchild live the Catholic Faith.

Godparent Requirements: (According to Canon Law. See CIC, c. 874)

- Must set a good example of the living the Catholic faith in spirituality and morality. This includes participating in Mass every Sunday.
- Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- If married, they must be validly married in the Catholic Church (by a Catholic priest or deacon). If unmarried, they cannot be cohabitating.
 - o **If a couple is not married in the church, please have them contact David in the parish office.** We are here to help! We can easily help them bring their marriage into the church.
- Must be at least 16 years of age .
- Must be willing to work with the baptized on his/her spiritual journey.

A few other notes:

- Parents/legal guardians cannot be Godparent s. (1B 19, see CIC, c. 874 §1,5°).
- A child who will be baptized may have **one or two** sponsors. If there are two, one must be male and one must be female. (CIC, c. 873).
- Must be registered in their parish for at least 6 Months. They do not need to be a member of St. Nicholas parish (they can be members of another Catholic Parish).

Godparent Checklist:

- Ensure you meet the requirements listed above. If you do not meet one or more requirement, please contact the parish office.
- Participate in a preparation program (contact the parish for times/dates).
- Complete this form & have form signed by your Pastor if you are not registered at St Nicholas.
- Return this form **and your Confirmation Certificate and marriage certificate** to the Parish office before the deadline. Incomplete forms cannot be accepted.
 - o If you have difficulty getting these documents, please contact the parish office.

Questions? Contact: Tiffany Montreuil (253) 851-8850 x9 or tiffany@stnicholascc.org