

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

777 NE Blackwell Rd. Lee's Summit, MO 64086

SPONSOR/GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

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

(son/daughter of) _____

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."

I HEREBY AFFIRM my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I practice my Catholic faith by regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass and reception of Holy Eucharist.

IF MARRIED, my marriage has been celebrated 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 AFFIRM that I am a **REGISTERED** member of _____ Church,

_____ and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.

(City and State)

I AFFIRM that I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

I DO, therefore solemnly affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as godparent.

Sponsor/Godparent name-printed

Sponsor/Godparent name - signature

Date: _____

Signature of Pastor, Administrator or Pastoral Associate

This form **MUST** be legibly signed/sealed and returned to St. Margaret's Catholic Church **three weeks** prior to the date of Baptism.

(Parish Seal of Sponsor/Godparent's Parish)