

**Archdiocese of Hartford**  
*Church of St. Bartholomew*

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Manchester, Connecticut 06040

## Godparent/Sponsor Certificate

**Role of a Godparent/Sponsor**

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the candidate in the ways of Christ and His Church. The godparent/sponsor, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized/confirmed grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 872).

Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, c. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

Therefore, I \_\_\_\_\_,  
desiring to assume the obligation of godparent/ sponsor for the Sacrament of:  
Check one: ( ) Godparent for Baptism ( ) Sponsor for Confirmation  
on behalf of: *(insert name)*

\_\_\_\_\_,  
do here declare that I understand the responsibilities of a godparent/sponsor and that I am willing by prayer and example to encourage and instruct her/ him in living our Catholic faith.  
Furthermore:

- I have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen years.
- I am not the parent of the person being baptized/confirmed.
- My manner of life is in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- [*If married: My current marriage is canonically valid and recognized as such by the Catholic Church.*]

**I hereby testify before God and God’s minister to the truth of what is stated here above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

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This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and, to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as godparent / sponsor for the Sacrament of:  
Check one. ( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation

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Date                      Parish Seal                      Signature of the Pastor / Parochial Vicar