

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church-Godparent Certification Form

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This form must be completed and on file prior to the interview with the clergy

Dear Baptismal Sponsor:

When a parent chooses you as Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent), it means you are thought of as a very special Catholic. Being called to be a Godparent is not merely a choice because of family ties or friendship rewards. The call to be a Godparent bears the responsibility of giving a spiritual example to your Godchild of how to live out the Catholic faith in everyday life.

As a confirmed adult Catholic, you are a guide and model of how a mature Catholic should live. By being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of the parish, participating in Mass every Sunday, and living the Gospel values, you offer tremendous personal support to parents who commit themselves, in the Baptism, to faithfully pass on the Catholic faith to their child.

Therefore, it is important that you prayerfully consider the serious responsibility you take on as a Godparent. If you are unable to live up to the Catholic ideals expected of a Godparent, please decline this responsibility.

I, _____ of _____
(Godparent's Name--Printed) (Godparent's Church Parish--Printed)

accept the invitation to be Godparent to _____
(Child's Name-- First, Middle, & Last--Printed)

for the Sacrament of Baptism at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Ville Platte, Louisiana.

I affirm that I am baptized and confirmed Catholic, living my Catholic faith and that I am in good standing (able to receive the sacraments, e.g. in a valid marriage & going to Church every Sunday) within the Catholic Church.

I understand that I am called to serve as a companion, guide, and role model to my Godchild, through my own example and witness in the Church.

(Signature of Godparent) (Date)



Pastor's Certification

(Pastor of Godparent's Home Parish Church)

This is to certify that _____ is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a Godparent.

Parish: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____