



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE VALLEY

St. Clare (Edwards), St. Mary (Eagle), St. Patrick (Minturn)

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Qualifications Required for Godparents/Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation.

Qualifications: Godparents/sponsors not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism and/or Confirmation but also assist the person in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents/sponsors be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (**Code of Canon Law, # 872-874**):

(Please, mark with an "X" your present situation on every box to certify that you have read, understood and fulfilled this requirement before making your declaration).

1. A Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism: Yes No

Confirmed in the Catholic Church: Yes No

First Eucharist: Yes No

2. A Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older?

Yes No

3. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the parent of the person to be baptized or confirmed. Are you the parent of this person?

Yes No

4. A Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
- If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching.

Please Note: Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements for the role of sponsor/Godparent.

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church?

Yes No

5. A Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation?

Yes No

I hereby declare before God that I meet all the above qualifications. I also promise to assist the person being initiated in living the Christian life as a faithful Catholic.

Godparent/sponsor signature: _____ Date: _____

Godparent/sponsor name (print): _____

Name and address of your Catholic parish: _____

Your city: _____ Your state or country: _____

Full name of the person to be sponsored: _____