

Church of the Immaculate Conception
200 Ware Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Christian Witness Eligibility Statement

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life.

There are usually two godparents. Only one of these, however, must be a baptized, practicing Catholic. The other may be a baptized practicing member of another Christian denomination. While this person is referred to as a "Christian Witness" on this form, his/her role in the Baptism ceremony is the same as the godparent. Likewise, the expectation is that this Christian Witness will be a Christian role model for the child.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

(If Catholic, please do not complete this page. Complete the reverse side instead.)

My life bears witness to my readiness for this role.

- I am a baptized and currently practicing Christian at least 16 years of age.
- I regularly attend Sunday services.
- I am open to the living Word of God in sacred scripture and the Church.
- I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.
- I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Christian faith by my word and example.

My full name (printed) _____

My home address _____

Name and location of my Church _____

Name of child being baptized _____

(Signature of Christian Witness)

(date)

Please return this completed form to child's parents.

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Godparent Eligibility Statement

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life. Please note that godparents must themselves be baptized. Godparents should be at least 16 years of age and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Godparents' current lifestyles should be in accord with the Catholic faith.

TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT

(If not Catholic, please do not complete this page. Complete the reverse side instead.)

My life bears witness to my readiness for this role.

- I am a baptized practicing Catholic, in good standing at least 16 years of age.
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- I am a registered member of my parish.
- I attend Mass faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and regularly receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.
- I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.

My full name (printed) _____

My signature _____

My home address _____

Name and location of my Parish _____

Name of child being baptized _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONNEL AT GODPARENT'S PARISH

I verify that _____ is:

_____ a Catholic in good standing.

_____ a registered member of this parish.

Please affix parish seal here

(Official Signature)

Please return this completed form to child's parents.