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Godparents Registration Form

Dear Godparents,

When a parent chooses you as a godparent that 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 witness to your godchild of how to live out the catholic faith in every day of life. As a confirmed, adult Catholic, you are a guide and model of how a mature Catholic ought to live, By being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of your parish, participating in Mass weekly, and living the gospel values, you offer tremendous personal support to parents who commit themselves, in Baptism to faithfully passing on the Catholic faith to their child.

Therefore, it is important that you prayerfully consider the serious responsibility, which you take on as a godparent. If you are unable to live up to Catholic ideals, you may wish to decline this responsibility.

REQUIREMENTS:

The Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law lists these requirements for a person to be a valid and lawful godparent in baptism.

- Canon 872 – The godparent's role with the parents is to present the infant for the sacrament of Baptism and help the child live a life befitting a baptized Catholic.
- Canon 873- There may be only one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each.
- Canon 874

1* To be permitted to take on the function of godparents a person must:

1. Be designated by the parents and must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility;
2. Have received the Sacraments of initiation namely Baptism and live a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
3. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared by the Church;
4. Must not be the father or mother of the ones to be baptized.

2* A baptized person who belongs to a non- Catholic community may not be admitted as a godparent.

THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS:

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Catholic life an education. This privileged offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship- one that will last throughout this life and beyond, there are many ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your godchild, among them are:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Baptism each year with a visit, a call or a card.
- As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a faith full life, and keep your self – informed on the Catholic doctrine and values, to be answer questions as they arise.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, gifts, which celebrate holy events.... Christmas, Easter... and personal growth events ... Graduation, first job, engagement.
- Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives the other sacraments, particularly First Communion and Confirmation, which complete initiation into the Church Community.
- Be supportive of you godchild's parents in their role as the primary religious educator of their child.
- And most importantly, become a model of Catholic living for you godchild, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy

By living a Catholic life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED GODPARENT REGISTARTION FORM
AND RETURN IT TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Name of child to be baptized _____ Date: _____
 First Middle Last

The sponsor's role is to be a good example of Catholic faith for the child being baptized. Together with the parents the sponsors (Godparents) present the child for the Sacrament and helps guide them to live a life of holiness. Being a sponsor is not just a honor given to a good friend or relative, Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of our Catholic Faith, a lifestyle that proclaims the truth, and sense of responsibility toward the young person being baptized.

Sponsor's/ Godparents Information

Please print

_____ Name's
 Sponsor's Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Church they belong to: _____

REQUIERMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

1. MUST BE CAHOLIC
2. MUST BE OLDER THAN 16 AND BE BAPTIZED CATHOLIC.
3. MUST MEET THE LAWS OF THE CHURH PERTAINING TO MARRIAGE.
 - a. Must be married by the catholic church or be single **(NO COMMON LAW)**

A sponsor must be canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics in a invalid marriage (not according to Catholic Church regulations) and those that are cohabiting (living together without marriage) **cannot serve as a sponsor.**

I, _____ & _____ declare that I am catholic and meet all the requirements to be a Godparent. I make the commitment of educating and guiding my God child in accordance to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

_____ Signature _____ Signature

Place of marriage:

Church Name: _____

City/ State: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

A sponsor must NOT be the father, mother, Step-parent or custodial guardian of the one to be baptized.

What is your relationship with this child (ie: grandparent, aunt, uncle, friend, ect.)? _____

To be completed by the Pastor of the Sponsor's church & then returned to St. Anthony Catholic Church, 3215 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco, CA 94112

<p align="center">I hereby certify that</p> <p align="center">_____ & _____</p> <p align="center">Were Married</p> <p>On the _____ day of _____, _____</p> <p align="center">(Day) (Month) (Year)</p> <p align="center">According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church</p> <p>By the Rev. _____</p> <p align="center">As it appears from the Marriage Register of this Church.</p>	<p>The person/s named above:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is/are Catholic (<i>Es/Son Catolico's</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is Single (<i>Es Soltero/a</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is/are Married by the Catholic Church (<i>Es o Estan Casado por la Iglesia catolica</i>)</p> <p>****(complete certification column or must present proof of marriage)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is/are members of this parish (<i>Es/Son miembros de la parroquia</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is/are registered in this parish. (<i>Esta o Estan registrada en la parroquia.</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Live/s within parish boundaries (<i>Vive o Viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia.</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Have/has permission to be a godparent at this Church. (<i>Tiene o Tienen permiso</i>)</p>
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