



*“Godparents serve as ministers representing the faith  
community into which the candidate is being initiated”*

*(Many Gifts, One Spirit)*

Dear Godparent,

To be chosen as a Godparent is a special honor. You have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in your Godchild’s Christian life and education, second only to the parents. The Godparent (also sometimes called a “Sponsor”) provides spiritual and emotional support for the child. They pray with and for the child & give them encouragement. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout this life and beyond. This role is not something to be taken lightly: you will witness to your Godchild the love of Christ and be an example of living the Catholic faith.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important role. Please carefully read this letter and consider your responsibility as the Godparent of this child.

A Godparent is responsible for assisting the baptized in fulfilling the obligations acquired by the sacrament (see CIC, c. 872). To be a Godparent is a lifelong responsibility to help the Godchild live the Catholic Faith.

**Godparent (Sponsor) Requirements:** (According to Canon Law. See CIC, c. 874)

To qualify as a Godparent, a Catholic must meet *all* the requirements listed below:

- A good example of the living the Catholic faith in both spirituality and morality. This includes participating in Mass every Sunday.
- A practicing Catholic in good standing (fully initiated, and not bound by any canonical penalty).
  - They have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
  - If they are married they must be sacramentally married in the Catholic Church (married by a Catholic Priest or deacon in Catholic Church). If they are not married they cannot be cohabitating. (If a couple is not married in the church, please have them contact the parish office. We can help them bring their marriage into the church.)
- At least 16 years of age.
- Willing and able to work with the baptized on his/her spiritual journey.
- Parents/legal guardians cannot be Godparents. (IB 19, see CIC, c. 874 §1, 5°).
- The person to be baptized may have *one or two* Godparents (Sponsors). If there are two, one must be male and one must be female. (CIC, c. 873).
- Must be a \*registered member of their parish for at least 3 Months
  - They do not need to be a member of Holy Trinity parish (they can be members of another Catholic Parish). However, it is best if they are not too far away.

*\*A registered member is one who is attending Mass regularly for at least three months, receives donation envelopes and submits weekly donations to their parish.*

**Godparent Checklist:**

- Be chosen by the Parents
- Ensure you meet the requirements listed above.
- Participate in a preparation program (it is highly recommended Godparents attend the Baptism class with the Parents).
- Complete and sign this form and if you are not a registered member at Holy Trinity parish have the form signed by your Pastor or Director of Parish Live where you are a member.
- Return this **signed** form to Baptism Coordinator or the Parish office prior to the baptism being scheduled.

**Questions?** Contact the Baptismal Coordinator: Terry Stevens – email [tstevens236@holytrinitypinconning.org](mailto:tstevens236@holytrinitypinconning.org);  
text or leave a message at 989-965-2176



**Holy Trinity  
Parish**  
Catholic Church

**Godparent (Sponsor) Application**

to be filled out by Godparent

Name of Child to be Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Legal Name** of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_F\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Confirmed? \_\_Yes \_\_No Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Sacramentally married in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Parish where registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

Have participated in a Baptism or Godparent preparation program? \_\_Yes \_\_No Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
It is highly recommended you attend the Baptismal program with the parents, if you took a class at a location other than Holy Trinity Parish, please indicate that above.

**SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT**

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Godparent to the candidate or catechumen named above. I have read and understand the responsibilities and requirements of the Godparent. I meet all the requirements listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Godparent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**PASTOR'S PERMISSION TO BE A GODPARENT**

*If this godparent is not a registered parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish  
 the following must be completed by the pastor from his/her parish.*

The person signed above is a member of this parish and is eligible to act as a Godparent (Sponsor) for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or delegate

Print Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or delegate's name & Title

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State