



# HOLY FACE OF JESUS

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## Christian Witness Eligibility Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a registered and participating member of  
(Please Print Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_. I accept the role of godparent for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Church) (Candidate's Full Name)

for his/her Baptism.

I affirm the following (please check that all boxes apply):

If you cannot affirm each of the following points listed below, please contact Fr. Sean Wilson at (419)-738-2115 or [pastor@holyfaceparish.org](mailto:pastor@holyfaceparish.org)

I am of legal canonical age (16 years old).

I have been baptized at

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Church)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City & State)

I faithfully participate at church and strive to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by my Christian example. I will help him/her be faithful to Jesus Christ.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As Pastor, I attest that the individual is a registered member of the aforementioned church.

Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the parish office so that the baptism can be scheduled.

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## Dear Parents of Children to Be Baptized

On behalf of our parishioners, congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for bringing your child for baptism. Every newly baptized Christian is a sign to us of God's continual love and mercy. Our merciful Father continues to draw people to the Sacred Heart of His Son, Jesus Christ.

One powerful line in the ritual of baptism comes after the lighting of the child's baptismal candle. The priest or deacon says, "Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as a child of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their heart. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." It is a beautiful reminder of the parents' and godparents' role to constantly nourish and fan the flames of faith.

## Concerning Godparents

One of the blessings of baptism and confirmation is that you get to select a sponsor (godparent). This person serves as a mentor in faith. More than being a friend, family member, or good person, they should be filled with the love of God and dedicated to the Christian way of life. An ideal sponsor is someone who prays daily, worships God weekly, is generous, and will support and encourage the candidate in their faith.

For baptism there can be only one man and one woman as godparents. One of the sponsors may be a baptized non-Catholic Christian who practices their Christian faith in the denomination to which they belong. If such is the case, please complete the front page of this form.

**There is one requirement of a non-Catholic godparent for baptism: If he or she was baptized as a Catholic and has joined another church, they have separated themselves from full communion with the Church and cannot serve in this role. These minimum requirements can't be altered or dispensed. We simply ask your honesty in these matters.**

If you are struggling to decide on godparents or sponsors, implore the Lord's assistance. May the Holy Spirit reveal to you who God has planned to serve in this role.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Sean Wilson*

Fr. Sean Wilson - Pastor



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