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PARISH

Sponsor/Christian Witness Eligibility Form

***Please return to the parish office 2 weeks before the Baptism.**

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

_____ . I accept the role of Christian Witness 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

☐ 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: _____

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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 to receive the Sacrament of 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 sponsors' role to constantly nourish and fan the flames of faith.

Concerning Sponsors (Godparents and Christian Witnesses)

One of the blessings of Baptism and Confirmation is the opportunity to select a sponsor(s). This sponsor—a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing—serves as a mentor in the Faith and is commonly called a godparent. More than simply a friend, family member, or good person, this sponsor (godparent) should be filled with the love of God and dedicated to the Christian way of life. An ideal sponsor (godparent) is someone who prays daily, worships God weekly, lives generously, and will support and encourage the candidate in their faith.

For Baptism, there may be only one man and one woman as sponsors. One of the sponsors must be a practicing Catholic (godparent). Only 1 sponsor is required. The other sponsor, if there are two, may be a baptized non-Catholic Christian (Christian Witness) who practices their Christian faith in the denomination to which they belong. If this is the case, please complete the front page of this form.

There is one requirement for a non-Catholic Christian Witness for Baptism: if he or she was baptized as a Catholic and has since joined another church, they have separated themselves from full communion with the Church and cannot serve in this role. This minimum requirement cannot be altered or dispensed. We simply ask for your honesty in these matters.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Sean Wilson

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