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Sponsor/Godparent Eligibility Form

***Please return to the parish office 2 weeks before the Baptism or 3 months before the Confirmation.**

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

_____ . I accept the role of sponsor for _____
(Name, City, & State of Parish) *(Candidate's Full Name)*

for his or her *(check one)*: ☐ *Baptism* ☐ *Confirmation* ☐ *Becoming Catholic (OCIA)*

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 received the Sacrament of Confirmation at

_____ _____
(Name of Church) *(City & State)*

☐ I faithfully participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and give witness to my Catholic faith in Christ Jesus by regularly receiving Him in Holy Communion.

☐ I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Catholic Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in daily contact.

☐ 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 the Catholic faith.

(Please check that one of these applies):

☐ *For married Catholics*: I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

☐ *For unmarried Catholics*: I am living a chaste Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

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

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor: _____

Parish 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 for 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 godparents' role to constantly nourish and fan the flames of faith.

Dear Candidate for Confirmation

Confirmation is your time to witness to Jesus Christ. Like the first Apostles, you are sent out into a world starving for the Gospel message. The gift of the Holy Spirit, which will descend upon you in this Sacrament, will give you the grace to share the beauty, treasure, and glory of our Catholic Faith. The goal of your sponsor is to mentor your faith life and encourage you to be a witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Concerning Sponsors

One of the blessings of Baptism and Confirmation is the opportunity to select a sponsor (godparent). 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 Sponsor/Christian Witness Eligibility Form.

There are two minimum requirements for a Catholic sponsor (godparent). These requirements are: 1) The Catholic must be Confirmed. 2) If the Catholic is married, they must be married in the Church. There is one requirement of a non-Catholic Christian Witness 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

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