

You have been chosen to be a special person in the life of a very special person—a little child who will be baptized soon. Congratulations!

Baptism will make this child a brother or sister of Jesus forever. Your role will be to help this boy or girl to be the best possible son or daughter of God and relative of Jesus in the community of the Church. Your example will have an influence on this child for the rest of life. The kind of Catholic you are will have an effect on the kind of Catholic this child will be through childhood and into adulthood.

The parents who have invited you to be their child's Sponsor have extended a wonderful privilege to you. They have given you also a serious responsibility—to share with them in the Catholic faith-development of their child. That privilege and responsibility are yours for the rest of your life!

The requirements for being a Sponsor are printed in the booklet entitled Requirements for Sponsors that the parents have received (see Page 6). Please read them carefully.

Long before your God-child comes to know you personally, and begins to look to you, hear your words, and observe your actions, you will want to decide what kind of Christian role model you will be for him/her. May I invite you to take some time to pray...to think...to decide...  
What kind of person am I really? – What kind of Catholic am I really? – What kind of Sponsor will I be for this child really?

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Sponsor – I have considered my life as a Catholic Christian; I think that I fulfill the requirements to be a sponsor because I am living my faith as a practicing Catholic. It will be a privilege for me to be a witness of living Christian faith for this child.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE PASTOR OR ASSOCIATE**

I know the above Catholic who is a member of this Parish. I believe that he/she is well-suited to be a Sponsor for Baptism.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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