

*St. Stephen the Martyr  
St. Katharine Drexel Mission  
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## **SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION**

### **THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & SEALED BY THE SPONSOR'S PASTOR**

A godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism and Confirmation, and serves as a role model by living the Christian life. Please note that a godparent must be a practicing Catholic. Godparents should be at least 16 years of age and should have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Godparents' current lifestyles should be in accord with the Catholic faith. Unqualified Sponsor will not be approved. ***DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY.***

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, a registered member of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Parish, City and State)

accept the invitation to be a Sponsor for the Baptism/Confirmation of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Person)

I state before Almighty God all the following:  
(Please check all statements which apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a baptized and currently practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I regularly attend Mass in this parish where I am currently registered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If married, my marriage is recognized validly by the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If I have children, my children are being educated in the Catholic Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If single, I am not living in cohabitation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The statements that I have checked above are true.

I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Sponsor. I promise to be a support and example to this person in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. I am also prepared to assist the parents in their Christian duty by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SPONSOR SIGNATURE**  
**(Sign this form in the presence of the priest)**

### **PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the above is a registered member of this parish in good standing, and, to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PASTOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**  
(Parish Seal)