

Precious Blood Catholic Church

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Notes on Being A Sponsor

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the Faith, one which is shown by religious practice. There must be a sense of responsibility toward the person being Baptized or Confirmed. Therefore, relatives or friends should not be asked to be sponsors ONLY because they are relatives or friends. It is expected that a person chosen to be a sponsor gives evidence that he/she believes what the Church teaches and gives witness to that Faith.

Requirements for Sponsorship

–Canon Laws 774, 872, 873, 874, 892, 893, 920 and 989 require:

1. The sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and has already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role as sponsor.
2. Only one sponsor/godparent is required, but usually there is one godmother and one godfather.
3. The sponsor/godparent(s) may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
4. Sponsors must be in their 16th year or more.
5. They must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be practicing Catholics, who go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and receive the Sacraments periodically. By Church precept, they must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year when conscious of serious sin and receive Communion during the Easter time.

I declare that I am a REGISTERED member of the parish of _____
and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law to be a sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor

Witnessing Priest

Child to be Baptized

Date