



Saint Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

Christian Witness Eligibility Statement

Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation, which brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A Godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life.

There are usually two Godparents. Only one of these, however, must be a baptized, practicing Catholic. The other may be a baptized, practicing member of another Christian denomination. While this person is referred to as a "Christian Witness" on this form, his/her role in the Baptism ceremony is the same as the Catholic Godparent. Likewise, the expectation is that this Christian Witness will be a Christian role model for the child.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Please check all statements that apply:

My life bears witness to my readiness for the role of Godparent.

_____ I am baptized and a currently practicing Christian at least 16 years of age.

_____ I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

_____ I am a registered member of my church.

_____ I regularly attend Sunday Services.

_____ I am open to the Living Word of God in Sacred Scripture and my church.

_____ I try to live my life according to Gospel value systems of our culture and society.

_____ I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Christian Faith by word and example.

_____ The statements I have checked above are true.

My full name(please print): _____

Name and address of my Church: _____

My home address: _____

Name of child being baptized (please print): _____

(Signature of Christian Witness)

(Today's Date)