



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## Choosing the Godparents for your Child

Choosing a godparent for your child is an important decision. To help you in your selection the Catholic Church has very specific requirements for persons willing to accept the responsibilities of a godparent. These requirements are found in the Church's **Canon Law Numbers 872-874**.

1. (**Canon 874**) To be a godparent a person must:

- A. Be suitable for the role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
- B. Be at least (16) sixteen years of age.
- C. Be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received Holy Communion.
  - Regularly attends Sunday Mass.
- D. Be living a life in harmony with the Catholic faith, example:
  - If married, they should be married in the Catholic Church.
  - If single, you are to be living as a single person.
- E. Cannot be the father or the mother of the child to be baptized.

2. (**Canon 872**) Together with the parents the role of the godparent(s) is to present the child for baptism and to help the child live a Catholic Christian life.

- Sponsors have a spiritual responsibility of nurturing the faith of their godchild and must be faithful members of God's Church

3 (**Canon 873**) One godparent, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one male and one female.

4. (**Canon 874**) A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic church community may not be a godparent but may be a witness to the baptism only in company with a Catholic godparent.



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## Application for Godparent / Sponsor

Godparent First & Last Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

City: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ / State: \_\_\_\_\_ / Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Godchild: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Godchild's Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Baptizing Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Special Instructions

- There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for all class participants who plan to baptize at another parish.
- Registration payment required when registration form submitted to the parish office.
- If married: make sure to include a copy of your Church marriage certificate with the application.

### PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

- I am at least 16 years old
- I received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- I am currently:  Married;  Single
- Marriage was officiated by:  Catholic Priest or Deacon;  Civil Official
- I live:  Alone;  Spouse;  Parents;  Partner;  Other Single person
- I participate at Mass:  Weekly;  Monthly;  Occasionally;  Never
- Have you ever joined a non-Catholic church?  Yes;  No
- Attendance class certificate requested for baptism at another parish

### I verify that the information above is true and correct.

- I have submitted a copy of church marriage certificate

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid non-refundable donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_