

Sponsor Eligibility Form

You have been asked to be a godparent/sponsor for the sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation. In accepting this important role, you are urged to reflect upon the importance of this commitment as a lifelong responsibility to help the person lead a Christian life and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with receiving baptism/confirmation (can. 872). Please read the following and pray about the responsibility you will be fulfilling in someone's spiritual life. After reflection, please sign the statement of eligibility below.

Canon Law 851, 891-To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1. Be designated by the one to be baptized or confirmed (in the case of an infant to be baptized, the parents or the person who takes their place or in their absence by the pastor or minister) and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. Have completed the sixteenth year of age (unless the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause);
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared (for example, the person must be in a marriage considered valid by the Catholic Church, if living with spouse);
5. Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed/baptized/received.
6. Be instructed properly on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations attached to it.

I promise to give support to _____ by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life. I do hereby solemnly declare that I do fulfill all the requirements to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation.

Name of Sponsor (please print): _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed form to the St. James Catholic Church Parsonage:
3725 Lilly Rd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32207
For any questions contact the parish: office@StJamesCC.org or 904-999-1423