



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Certificate of Eligibility for Godparents

Dear Parents:

The second half of this sheet is a certificate of eligibility, which is required of the person(s) you have selected to be godparent(s) for your child, if he/she is registered in a parish other than Divine Mercy Parish.

The Certificate of Eligibility is a statement that the Godmother and/or Godfather is a member in good standing in the parish in which they worship and that they are competent to act as sponsor at your child's Baptism.

Competency to act as Godparent requires the following, according to the Code of Canon Law:

- Compliance with Can. 872: Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.
- Compliance with Can. 873: There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.
- Compliance with Can. 874: To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must:
 1. Be designated by the one to be baptized, by 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 16th year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or 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. May not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
 5. Not be the Father or Mother of the one to be baptized;
 6. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Please have this form filled out and signed by the Pastor of the Godparent's parish (for each Godparent) before attending the Baptism classes to ensure that you and your family are in compliance with Church Law.

Date: _____ Godparent(s) Name(s): _____

Is a/are member(s) of this parish, in good standing and is/are competent to act as Baptism Sponsor(s) for

(Name of Person to Be Baptized): _____

Parish

Seal:

Pastor or Representative: _____

Parish Name (City/State): _____

Please return this form to: Baptism Coordinator, Divine Mercy Parish, 555 W Main St, Gardner, KS 66030