

# Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church

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## Requirements for the Role of Godparent for Infant Baptism

Name of child to be baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_

(If two Catholic Godparents are chosen, one of these forms is required for each Godparent.)

Parents may choose Godparents (sponsors) for their children from among family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parents may choose a Godfather and a Godmother or just one Godparent. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism, but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that Godparents be people who are living the Catholic Faith and meet the following qualifications (canons 872-874):

1. They should be at least 16 years of age.
2. They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
3. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith. Fallen-away Catholics may not serve as Godparents.
4. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. They may not be divorced and re-married outside the Catholic Church.
5. Parents of the child to be baptized may not serve as Godparents.

If only one Godparent is chosen, parents may ask someone baptized in a non-Catholic community to serve as a Christian Witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic Godparent. A copy of this form is not required for a baptized non-Catholic.

**I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic parish named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a Godparent for Baptism. I also promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic Faith and by helping the child to lead a Christian life.**

Prospective Godparent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered member of Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church, Jasper, Georgia.

I am a member of another parish (the section below is to be completed by that parish).

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered member of our parish, is a practicing Catholic, and is qualified to serve as a Godparent for the sacrament of Baptism.

Signature of Pastor/Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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