



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE

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AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY TO BE A GODPARENT/SPONSOR

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the candidate in the ways of Christ and His Church. The godparent/sponsor, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized/confirmed grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872).

Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

- I live my life in a manner consistent with the teachings of the Catholic faith.
- I am not the mother or father of the candidate. (Canon 874, §1, 1 and 5)
- I have attained the required minimum age of sixteen (16) years. (Canon 874, §1,2)
- I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. (Canon 874, §1,3)
- If married, my current marriage is canonically valid and recognized as such by the Catholic Church.
- I attend and participate actively in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and give testimony to my Catholic faith in Jesus Christ.

Full Name of Candidate _____

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

With my signature, I hereby testify before God and God's minister to the truth of what is stated here above.

Full Name of Godparent/Sponsor _____

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor _____

Parish of Godparent/Sponsor__Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA_____

Witnessed this _____ day of _____ in the year _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon _____ seal