

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Certificate to Serve as a
Godparent or Sponsor for

Name of Child/Youth

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent/sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. A godparent/sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent/sponsor a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g. attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) and is not in an irregular marriage.

Be at least eighteen years of age:

Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent or sponsor:

Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

By Canon Law a godparent is not required for First Communion, at St. Francis we respect each culture, the same guidelines apply.

I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor

Signature of Godparent Sponsor

Date

I HEREBY TESTIFY that _____

(Name of godparent/sponsor)

Is a registered member of _____

(Name of parish)

and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve as a godparent/sponsor

Signature of Pastor

Date

(Parish Seal on the page is ordinarily required)