

AMBASSADORS
FOR CHRIST



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GODPARENT QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Catholic parties named as Godparents, including proxy godparents, must have the following to qualify:
 - a. Be a **current registered participating** member of a Catholic church.
 - b. Received all sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation.
 - c. If married, must be married in a **Catholic church by a Catholic priest or blessed by a priest.**
 - d. Godparents/proxy godparents must obtain a **“Sponsor Certificate”** from their church, which testifies to the above requirements. **This certificate must be mailed or hand delivered to the parish office at least two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.**
2. If only one qualifies to be a Catholic Godparent per above, the other, can stand as a **“Christian Witness”**:
 - a. **Must be a non-catholic and baptized as a non-catholic.**
 - b. He/she must obtain a copy of their **baptismal certificate.** **This certificate must be mailed or hand delivered to the parish office at least two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.**
3. One of the sponsors **must** be Catholic and must be able to obtain a **“Sponsor Certificate”** from the church in which they are a registered participating member. **A Catholic cannot stand as a Christian Witness and, therefore, must be able to supply a “Sponsor Certificate”.**
4. Only **one** male and **one** female sponsor or one of each sex is allowed.
5. Please see attached “Code of Canon Law” for further details.
6. There are no exceptions.

PLEASE NOTE:

Delay in receiving Sponsor Certificates and baptismal certificates will result in rescheduling of the baptism.