

Discern Godparents

Parents are the primary source for nurturing your child's spiritual growth and encourage active participation in worship, faith education, and service in Jesus' name. As parents, a most serious responsibility is entrusted, that you guide your child in the practice of their faith. However, godparents will also help to nourish and grow the child's faith life.

Role of a Catholic Godparent

Step 1 | Discern the Role of the Godparents

To help the baptized person to lead a Catholic Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it (Canon 872).

- A mature Catholic who will establish a lifelong faith relationship and be willing to walk with the child on their faith journey.
- A Catholic role model (coach) for the child.

Step 2 | Godparent Qualifications

- A Catholic who is at least 16 years old (Canon 874, §1, 2^o) and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads an active life of faith.
- Only one godfather or one godmother or one of each (Canon 873)
- The godparent cannot be the father or mother of the one to be baptized (Canon 874, §1, 5^o).
- Only with a Catholic godparent can a baptized, non-Catholic person serve as a Christian Witness of the Baptism (Canon 874, §2).