

## Requirements for Sponsors of Baptism

1. Sponsors must be Catholic with the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion).
2. Age: at least 16 years old.
3. Practicing Catholic (attending church on Sundays, your children attend faith formation, etc).
4. If married they must be validly married in the Church.
5. A minimum of one sponsor is required, maximum two. (Either married or single persons).
6. If members of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church you must:
  - a. Be registered in the parish.
  - b. Take the preparation classes before baptism.
  - c. Be approved by the pastor.
  - d. If new in this parish a letter from the previous Pastor is required.
7. If not members of this parish:
  - a. A letter from their pastor giving permission is required.
  - b. Proof of preparation classes needs to be brought to the office before baptism.
8. We try to keep the godmother and godfather together as sponsors when they are married. (meaning it is not in good taste that a married person sponsors together with another married or single person)
9. It is not permitted to have godfather and godmother from different marriages if they are not married with their respective couples.
10. If it is difficult for the sponsors to be present at the baptism, with the proof of their preparation classes, their consent and permission of their pastor one or two persons can be proxy representing them in the celebration.
11. If you are going to be sponsors in another parish and you are members of St. Vincent, you will need a letter from the Pastor's for approval and proof of the preparation classes to present to the other parish.
12. Non Catholics cannot be sponsors, only witness.
13. When choosing godparents (2), one male and one female.
14. If you are from another parish and wish to make preparation classes here, permission may be granted if a good reason is given.
15. Any other questions, please speak with the Pastor.