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GODPARENT VERIFICATION OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM

PLEASE GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR CATHOLIC GODPARENT(S) TO VERIFY THAT HE/SHE IS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC. PLEASE ENSURE THAT HE/SHE CONTACTS THEIR PARISH PRIEST TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THIS FORM AND RETURNS IT TO THIS PARISH PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GODPARENT(S)

- Canon 873** Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.
- Canon 874 §1** To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:
- Canon 874 §1, 2°** have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- Canon 874 §1, 3°** be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- Canon 874 §1, 4°** not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- Canon 874 §1, 5°** not be the father or mother of the one to be baptised.
- Canon 874 § 2** A baptised person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

GODPARENT(S): _____

If you choose only ONE SPONSOR you may choose ONE OFFICIAL WITNESS who is a baptised member of a non-Catholic Church but the final number of people nominated as Godparents or Godparent and an Official Witness is not to exceed **two**.

As the Parish Priest of the above-nominated Sponsor, I verify that he/she is a practising Catholic.

SIGNATURE OF THE SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST:

NAME AND PLACE OF THE PARISH:

POST CODE_____

DATED: _____

PARISH SEAL

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE PRESBYTERY or PARISH OFFICE where the Baptism is to take place.