

# OCIA Sponsor/Godparent Information Form

This form is intended to provide the necessary information about the requirements to be a sponsor and the type of commitment it entails.

## **Congratulations on taking the next step in your journey of faith!**

A sponsor (sometimes called a godparent by those who receive Baptism) plays an important role in the Christian initiation of those receiving the sacraments. This person walks with you, prays for you, and serves as a living example of Catholic life as you grow in your relationship with Christ and his Church.

## **Who can be a sponsor?**

According to Canons 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law, your sponsor must meet the following requirements:

### **Basic Requirements**

- They must be a fully initiated Catholic (received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion).
- They must be at least 16 years old.
- They cannot be either of your parents.
- They must intend to sincerely fulfill the role of sponsor.

### **Living as a Practicing Catholic**

- They must seek to live in harmony with the moral and sacramental life of the Church.
- They must attend Sunday Mass regularly and observe all holy days of obligation.
- If married:** They must be validly married in the Catholic Church (or have had their marriage blessed/ convalidated by the Church).
- If unmarried:** They must be living a Christian life in accordance with Catholic teaching.

# OCIA Sponsor/Godparent Registration Form

## Candidate Information

Name of OCIA Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City, State): \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor's Affirmation

I affirm that I meet all the requirements listed below to serve as a sponsor. I understand that being a sponsor is both an honor and a commitment.

I am a Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

I am at least 16 years old.

I attend Sunday Mass regularly.

I am not the parent of the OCIA candidate/catechumen.

(If married) My marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.

OR

(If unmarried) I strive to live according to Church teaching (not cohabitating).

I am willing to attend OCIA sessions and rites when possible.

I am willing to pray for and guide this candidate in the Catholic Faith after being received into the Church.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pastor's Certification

***This section is to be completed by the sponsor's home parish.***

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered parishioner in good standing at \_\_\_\_\_ Parish and meets all the requirements to serve as a sponsor/godparent according to Canon Law.

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parish Seal)

Please return this completed and signed form to your OCIA coordinator.