

Godparent Information Form

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a godparent!

What is a godparent?

A godparent, together with the parent(s), presents a child for baptism. A godparent is ready and able to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life (Can. 872, CCC 1255).

Who can be a godparent?

REQUIREMENTS:

- age 16 years or older
- has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- a practicing Catholic (should regularly attend Sunday Mass and be a faithful Catholic)
- If the godparent is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church
- Cannot be the parent or the step-parent of the child to be baptized

A child receiving baptism may have one godfather and one godmother. **Only one godparent is required, if parents prefer.**

Children may instead have one Catholic godparent along with one Christian Witness, a non-Catholic, baptized Christian from another faith tradition

Per the Diocese, unless the godparent is a registered parishioner of St. Martin of Tours, a "letter of good standing" is **required** from the pastor of the godparent's parish before the baptism can be scheduled.