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## Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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### **PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH GODPARENT ENDORSEMENT**

*(Please complete and return to Prince of Peace Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the scheduled Baptism.)*

I will be a Godparent for \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print child's name)*

I am a registered parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Godparent must also provide a letter from the Church stating that they are registered and active at that parish)*

I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at \_\_\_\_\_ Church  
on \_\_\_\_\_,

#### **I RECOGNIZE...**

That by accepting the role of godparent, I am responsible to be a model of a committed and active Catholic and to be a support to the parents of this child in the practice of our mutual faith.

I meet my fundamental obligations as a Roman Catholic by weekly participation in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist frequently and Penance as necessary. I am open to the word of God revealed in Scripture and taught by the Catholic Church.

I profess my complete loyalty and fidelity to our Holy Father, the Pope, as the Vicar of Christ and the successor of Saint Peter.

I promise to give my support to the child for whom I will be a godparent, by the Christian example of my daily life as a Roman Catholic.

**GODPARENT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print godparent's name).*

**GODPARENT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY, BAPTISM OF INFANTS

### *Godparents and Sponsors*

- 1) At least one godparent is required for Baptism. There is to be only one male, or one female godparent, or one of each. (c.873)
- 2) Godparents are to be designated by the parent(s) or guardian. They are to be Catholic and have completed their 16th year. They are to have been a) confirmed, b) received their first Holy Communion, c) not bound by canonical penalty, d) not the father and mother of the child. (c.874)
- 3) A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is to participate only *together* with a Catholic godparent and then as a Christian witness to the baptism.
- 4) A non-baptized person may never be a godparent or sponsor.

### Regarding the criteria for a Godparent for baptism:

1. A godparent must be a Roman Catholic because the godparent is an official representative of the Catholic Church. Christians of other denominations whose baptism is recognized as valid in the Catholic Church may serve as a Christian Witness for the baptism of a Catholic but not a godparent.
2. The godparent is a practicing Catholic who is free to receive the Eucharist when he or she comes to mass
3. Marital Status: A Catholic godparent who is married must be in a marriage that is recognized by the Catholic Church. Those in their first marriage must have been married either a) in a Catholic Church ceremony or b) in a church / synagogue ceremony with the permission of the Catholic Church. Catholics in second marriages must have had their first marriage annulled and their second marriage recognized or convalidated by the Catholic Church. Catholics presently in civil or common law marriages (cohabitation) are not eligible to serve as godparent.
4. Unmarried Status: If unmarried, a godparent must be living in a life consistent with a single person as defined by the Catholic Church. Anyone cohabitating with another person in a romantic / sexual relationship is ineligible to serve as godparent.

