

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

NAME OF SPONSOR (please print) _____

IS BEING ASKED TO SPONSOR _____

FOR THE SACRAMENT OF _____ (Baptism / Confirmation)

*AS A REGISTERED AND PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE OF HOLY TRINITY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA, BY MY MARKS, I ATTEST THAT:*

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REQUIREMENT

_____ I am over 16 years of age and have already received the four Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

_____ I weekly participate in the Saturday evening or Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as frequently as possible.

_____ I keep the Holy Days of Obligation.

_____ I study my Faith and do my best to share the teachings of Christ with others both by my words and actions; and make every effort to keep the Commandments of God by my lifestyle.

_____ I strive to the best of my ability to practice Stewardship, that is, giving of my TIME, my TALENTS, my TREASURE, to support the work of the local Church and to build up my neighbor.

_____ During the holy season of Lent, I do penance, abstain from meat on Fridays and fast from food on the days appointed.

_____ IF MARRIED: I have been married in accord with Church Law (i.e., married by a Catholic Priest or Deacon in a Catholic church in front of two witnesses, OR married by another minister in another Christian church with proper dispensation, OR had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church).

_____ IF SINGLE: I am attempting to live a chaste life, am not divorced, nor in a cohabitating situation.

_____ I will, to the best of my ability and with the grace of God, give support and example to the person that I am sponsoring by my prayers and the witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in my daily life.

I swear, by my signature below, that I am attesting to the truth of all these statements.

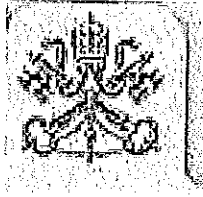
Signature of Sponsor

Signature of Priest

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Date

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Code of Canon Law

BOOK IV. FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH (Canons 834 - 848)

PART I. THE SACRAMENTS

TITLE I. BAPTISM (Canons 849 - 878)

CHAPTER IV. SPONSORS

Canon 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Canon 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Canon 874

§1 To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2/ have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.