St. Thomas the Apostle Godparent Form

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Please fill out the form, have it signed by your parish priest, and return to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

<u>At Least One Godparent MUST fulfill these requirements:</u>

The Canon Law of the Church (874) requires those considered for the role of Godparent to be:

- appointed by the parents of the one to be baptized or the parish priest of the one to be baptized
- suitable and willing to fulfill the role of a Godparent
- no less than 16 years of age
- a Catholic who has been confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist and <u>lives a life of faith</u>
- not under any canonical (Church) penalty

The "life of faith" would include faithful participation in the worship of the Church, regular reception of the Sacraments, and living a life of good example.

Being a Godparent is not just an honor to be given to a friend or relative. The role of the Godparent is considered a ministry in the Church and entails a faith commitment and calls for responsible participation in the life of the one to be baptized.

Name of person to be baptized (Print)	
Sponsors Name (Print)	Sponsor's Signature
The above signed Catholic is a Member of this parish as Canon Law to serve as a Godparent for the baptism to	1
Parish Priest or coordinator of Baptism (Print)	Date
Name of Parish (Print)	 Parish Seal