

# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church



## Baptism Sponsor: Certificate of Eligibility

To be chosen as Sponsor for Baptism is a great honor that carries with it great responsibility, namely, to instruct, to encourage and to inspire the newly baptized Catholic to live an authentic Christian life. Therefore, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law (*canons 872, 874, 892, and 893*), the faith community of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Land O' Lakes Florida stipulates that a person who aspires to be a Sponsor for Baptism:

1. Be a person of faith, suitable for this role, selected by the candidate or his/her family, and have the intention of fulfilling the responsibility of sponsor, namely, to assist the young Christian in living his/her Christian life, or in the case of infants supporting and encouraging the child's parents in fulfilling their responsibility to raise their child in the faith of the Church.
2. Be a baptized practicing Catholic who lives his/her faith in word and deed, has been confirmed, attends Mass regularly, receives the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ frequently, and celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
3. Be at least 16 years of age, unless the parish priest believes there is a just reason for an exception.

As sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Name of Child/Youth to be baptized)**

I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ and attest that I live that faith in daily prayer and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist. I have been baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church and frequently receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. I understand the responsibility I am undertaking, and I will do all in my power to assist in the Christian Catholic formation of the person I intend to sponsor by the Christian Catholic example of my own life, by my prayers for him/her, and by ensuring his/her continued growth in living and learning the Catholic Faith.

**Signature of Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor (*Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

I testify that the person whose name appears above:

- ◆ is registered at \_\_\_\_\_ Parish since \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ and that I have witnessed him/her sign the above affirmation.

**Signature of Parish Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Parish Seal*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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