



# PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATE

### Sponsor's Declaration of Faith

*I have been asked to serve as a sponsor in the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation. I understand that this is an important opportunity for me to witness to my faith and to grow in my own understanding of who I am as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I know that in this role, I am called to give a good example of Catholic life.*

Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, truthfully state the following:

*(Sponsor, please print your full name)*

- ❖ I am at least 16 years of age.
- ❖ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
- ❖ I attend Holy Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations, and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly.
- ❖ If married, I was married according to the laws of the Catholic Church regarding Holy Matrimony.
- ❖ I understand and accept the responsibilities that I undertake as a sponsor, and I promise to pay special attention to: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print the full name of the one to baptized or confirmed)*

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*If you are not a parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish (Lisbon Falls), Our Lady of the Rosary Parish (Sabattus) or Prince of Peace Parish (Lewiston), please have your Parish Priest complete the following:*

### Declaration from Sponsor's Home Parish

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print parishioner's name)*

is a registered parishioner of this parish and to my knowledge is a practicing Catholic, qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Parish Priest)*

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



***Please see the reverse side for pertinent Canon Law regarding this declaration.***

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**Book IV: Function of the Church**

**Part 1: The Sacraments**

**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.

**Canon 892**

Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

**Canon 893**

§1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in canon 874.

§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.