

Christian Witness Eligibility for the Holy Sacrament of Catholic Baptism

St Martin of Tours Catholic Community

Fort Lee, Virginia

Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation, which brings a person into union with Christ as a member of the Catholic Church. A Godparent represents the Catholic Church at Baptism, and then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life. There are usually two Godparents. Only one of these, however, must be a baptized, practicing Catholic. The other may be a baptized, practicing member of another Christian denomination. While this person is referred to as a "Christian Witness" on this form, his/her role in the Baptism ceremony is the same as the Catholic Godparent. Likewise, the expectation is that this Christian Witness will be a Christian role model for the child.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Full legal name (first, middle, last): _____

I have been asked to serve as a Christian Witness for the Sacrament of Catholic Baptism for _____ who will be Baptized at Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, Fort Lee, Virginia.

My Church of Baptism is:

Church name: _____

Church address: _____

My Church denomination: _____

Please check all statements which apply:

_____ My life bears witness to my readiness for the role of Godparent.

_____ I am baptized and currently practicing my Christian faith and at least 16 years of age.

_____ I am a registered member of my church.

_____ I regularly attend Sunday services.

_____ I am open to the living Word of God in sacred scripture and the church.

_____ I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.

_____ I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.

Signature: _____ Date: _____