

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road
Lanham, Maryland 20706

Godparent Eligibility Statement

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & SEALED BY GODPARENT'S PASTOR

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. Please note that one godparent must be baptized and a practicing Catholic. Godparents should be at least 16 years of age and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Godparents' current lifestyles should be in accord with the Catholic faith.

TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT

Please check all statements which apply:

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

_____ **I am a baptized and currently practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.**

_____ **I have received the sacrament of Confirmation.**

_____ I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

_____ I am a registered member of my parish contributing my time, talent, and treasure.

_____ I faithfully fulfill my Sunday and Holy Day obligations.

_____ 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.

_____ The statements I have checked above are true.

My full name (please print) _____

My signature _____

Name and address of my parish _____

Name of child being baptized (please print) _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONNEL AT GODPARENT'S CHURCH

To the best of my knowledge, I verify that _____ is:

_____ A Catholic in good standing

_____ A registered member of this parish.

(Signature of Pastor)

Parish Seal

(Date)

Godparent should return this completed form to Saint Matthias Church as soon as possible.