

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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Date

Christian Witness Eligibility Statement for a Baptized non-Catholic Currently Attending a Christian Church

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

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 Christian at least 16 years of age.

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

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

_____ I regularly attend Sunday services.

_____ I am open to the living Word of God in sacred scripture and my 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 Christian faith by word and example.

_____ The statements I have checked above are true.

My full name (please print) _____

Name and address of my church _____

My home address _____

Name of child being baptized (please print) _____

(Signature of Christian Witness)

(Pastor's signature)

(Church name, address, and phone number)

Please return this completed form to Saint Matthias the Apostle Church as soon as possible.