

*Criteria for Assuming the Role of Sponsor for Infant Baptism
Within the Catholic Church*

1. Must have received the *Sacrament of Confirmation* .
2. Must be a *Practicing Catholic* (means regular mass attendance and frequent reception of the *Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation*).
3. If married, must be married in the *Church* by a priest or deacon.
4. There must be no impediments to *marriage* (means if there was a previous marriage it must be annulled prior to being a sponsor).
5. If there are two sponsors they must be *male and female* .
6. At least one sponsor must meet criteria 1-4.
7. A *non-Catholic Christian* who has received the *Sacrament of Baptism* within his or her tradition may act in the place of the second sponsor as a *Christian Witness* .