



Catholic Community of South Baltimore

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Eligibility for a Christian witness

The Catholic Church requires one godparent to be a Baptized, Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. In lieu of a second godparent, the Catholic Church also permits one other person to stand as a Christian Witness at Baptism.

I, _____ a baptized person in the _____
(name of Christian Witness) *(state denomination)*

Church, in accepting the role of a Christian witness for the Baptism of _____
(name of person being baptized)

do affirm that I: *(please check each following statement that applies):*

_____ am Baptized _____
(Church of Baptism)

(Address of Church)

_____ endeavor to live a good moral life in keeping with Gospel values.

Have you ever been baptized or officially received into full communion with the Catholic Church?

YES

NO

(Signature)

(Date)

(Address)

(Phone)

(Email)

Please return at least two weeks prior to the baptism to:

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In lieu of one of the Catholic Godparents, the candidate or his/her parents, may choose one Christian witness. This person must be baptized in a Christian faith whose baptism is recognized and accepted by the Catholic Church. This includes most of the "main line" Christian Churches (Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist). It does not include Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, or The Salvation Army. Also, those who are non-Christians (Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, etc.) may not stand as Christian witnesses.

If you have questions about your eligibility to be a godparent, sponsor or Christian witness, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Josh Laws at Joshua.laws@archbalt.org.