



## Choosing Godparents/Sponsors

The primary role of the godparents is to witness to the faith and to be willing to share that faith in a supportive way with their godchild as well as to support the faith-life of the parents.

Godparents must be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church who are at least 16 years of age. A fully initiated person is someone who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and who continues to witness to that faith in everyday living.

Only one godparent is required, although traditionally both a godmother and godfather have been chosen. It is also possible to invite a person baptized in another Christian tradition to be a witness at the child's baptism, along with a Catholic godparent.