



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

BERNARDSVILLE'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SINCE 1898

## GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

**Congratulations!** You have been asked to serve as a Godparent for \_\_\_\_\_, who is to be baptized into the Roman Catholic community of faith. There are 2 principal roles of the Godparent: first, to assist, support, and encourage the child's parents in their important responsibilities of bringing up their child to love God and neighbor in the Catholic tradition. The second essential role of the Godparent is to set, for your godchild, a good example of what it means to be a whole-hearted, practicing Catholic Christian— not simply a good person, but a good person who is also a whole-hearted, practicing Catholic. The Godparent is a representative of the Catholic Christian community to the child, and shows the child what it truly means to be a stalwart member of that community. As you can see, this is an awesome responsibility and a great honor.

In order to insure that our children have the very best role models, the church has developed a set of criteria that potential godparents must meet if they hope to be able to well fulfill this sacred role and responsibility within our faith community; these criteria are listed below. Your signature on this form will be your testimony, before God, that you meet all of these criteria. Once you have signed the form, please forward it to the Pastor of your parish who will be asked to verify your testimony by applying his signature and parish seal.

Once again, congratulations on being asked to fill this wonderful and sacred role.

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Before God, I hereby testify that I meet all the following conditions which the Roman Catholic Church sets out for the role of Godparent:

- 1.) I am not the parent of the one to be baptized.
- 2.) I am at least 14 years of age.
- 3.) I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- 4.) I lead a life "in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;" this condition includes the following requirements:
  - a.) I regularly participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
  - b.) If married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.

Signature of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_

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### PASTOR'S CERTIFICATION:

I hereby confirm the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledge that he/she is eligible to serve in the role of Godparent.

Parish Seal Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_