DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

LATIN CATHOLIC CHURCH *SUI IURIS*

Certification for Godparents/Sponsors
for Baptism and/or Confirmation

Person to be baptized or confirmed (print):_____

Church where sacrament(s) will be celebrated: _____

City: _____

Qualifications: Godparents/sponsors not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism and/or Confirmation but also assist the person in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents/sponsors be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 872-874):

1. They should ordinarily be at least 16 years of age.
2. They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, Confirmation, & first Holy Communion.
3. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
4. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church.
5. Parents of the person to being initiated may not serve as godparents/sponsors.

I hereby declare before God that I meet the above qualifications. I also promise to assist the person being initiated in living the Christian life as a faithful Catholic.

Godparent/sponsor signature: _____ Date: _____

Godparent/sponsor name (print): _____

Name of your Catholic parish: _____

Your city: _____ Your state or country: _____

Notes:

-   **Not qualified?** Please speak to your pastor about receiving the sacraments and getting qualified!

-   **Christian Witnesses for Baptism:** If only one godparent is chosen for Baptism, someone validly baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community may serve as a Christian witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic godparent. This form is not required for Christian witnesses. (Baptized Catholics who no longer practice their faith or who have joined another ecclesial community may not serve as Christian witnesses.)

-   **Orthodox Christians:** Orthodox Christians may serve as godparents/sponsors like a Catholic.

-   **Proxies:** If the godparent/sponsor cannot be present for the ceremony, a proxy may stand in as a witness at the ceremony. This form is not required for proxies.