**Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Parish**

**GODPARENT 1 AFFIDAVIT**

As a Godparent, you have chosen the responsibility of serving as a good model for living the Catholic way of life, to serve as a Christian example to your Godchild, and to faithfully fulfill your duties as a Godparent.

St. Joseph Catholic Church is asking that you attest to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, and are free of impediments that will preclude you from becoming a Godparent to your Godchild. See bottom section

 Yes  No

**Godchild Name**

Last\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, (*your name*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_attest that I am a Catholic in good standing, practicing my faith at the following parish:

 Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Parish City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish State\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My Pastor is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*I solemnly swear that the above information is true and accurate, so help me God.*

*In lieu of a signature, please check the boxes below and input your name where indicated*

 Godparent – I agree that the statements and information on this document are correct.

 Witness – I agree that the statements and information on this document are correct.

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*Godparent NAME Today’s Date*

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*Witness NAME Today’s Date*

In so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor (godparent)…In case of an infant baptism, the role is, together with the parents, to present the child for baptism and to help it live a Catholic life, benefiting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in Baptism.

The following is a summary of the Diocese of Phoenix requirements, which we will follow:

In the baptism of infants, parents take the responsibility for choosing a godparent(s) who will serve as good examples for living the Catholic way of life. A godparent can later serve as a sponsor of the child when he/she is confirmed and receives First Eucharist.

It is customary to have two godparents; however only one is required for baptism. A godparent may be either male of female. It two godparents are chosen, one must be male and one female. A godparent must be fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist) and at least sixteen years of age. A baptized, non-Catholic may be chosen as a Christian witness provided there is at least one Catholic Godparent. It is not a requirement that godparent(s) participate in the preparation process asked of the parent(s), however, their participation may be of benefit to them as a faith growing experience.