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## St. Norbert College Parish Godparent Guidelines

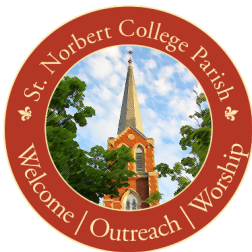
Since the Godparent is to present the child for baptism and to help the child live a Christian life befitting the baptized, they must meet the following requirements.

1. One Catholic godparent, male or female, is sufficient but there may be two, one of each gender. Additional mentors beyond the first two are called Christian witnesses and do not have to be confirmed. Godparents cannot be of the same gender.
2. Godparents are appointed by the parents of the child being Baptized and must be someone who is willing to be a good role model in the faith and provide spiritual guidance to the child. They may not be the mother or father of the person to be baptized.
3. Godparents are age 16 or older, unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.
4. A Godparent is an active, registered member of a Catholic Parish. If the Godparent is over 18, the person must be registered under their own name at a Catholic Parish. All Godparents must complete the "Godparent Form" on the back side of this sheet indicating that he/she is a Catholic in good standing. The form should be at St. Norbert College Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the Baptism.

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100 Grant St. 15-MB  
De Pere, WI 54115

Or scanned and emailed to: [parish@snc.edu](mailto:parish@snc.edu)

5. While it is ideal that the parents select two Catholic Godparents, the Church only requires that there be one Godparent. A baptized non-Catholic may serve as a "witness" to the ceremony, as long as a Catholic Godparent is present. The non-Catholic should be an active and participating member of his/her Christian community. This restriction ensures that the person appointed as the godparent will be able to represent and attest to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, the community of faith in which the child is being baptized.
6. If a Godparent is not able to be present on the day of the Baptism, he or she may be represented by a proxy. If you plan to have a proxy, he/she must be either a baptized Christian and/or a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.



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Congratulations! You have been asked to be a godparent. What a beautiful honor and great responsibility this is. A godparent is an important person in the life of the one who is being baptized. Godparents are a spiritual role model, an example of the Christian life, and are to be a source of guidance, support, and inspiration to the child on his/her faith journey and, when appropriate, help the parents in the Catholic Christian formation of this child. This is not a role to take lightly and as you pray about your "yes" to this call, we ask you to think about the following commitments:

- at least 16 years of age,
- a practicing Catholic registered at a parish,
- received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church,
- participate in the Mass on Sundays and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly,
- contribute my time, talent, and treasure to assist the needs of my parish,
- if married - validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church,
- actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by giving my loving response to those with whom I come in contact,
- realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a godparent and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it, and
- willing to give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

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Name of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to be baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a **registered and participating member** of \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Parish in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

I was **confirmed** at \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Parish in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that I meet the qualifications and accept the responsibilities of being a godparent. I am an active and participating Catholic and promise to the best of my ability to serve as an example in encouraging this child to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

Godparent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Pastor at church of Godparent's membership)

Please return to St. Norbert College Parish TWO WEEKS prior to the baptism date!