



## **DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

### TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR

*The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor, popularly called a godparent, as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Baptized or Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.*

*In order to be admitted to the role of sponsor, the law of the Church directs that a person must be designated specifically by the parents of the infant or the individual who is to be baptized or confirmed. To be a sponsor, a person must be a Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, and have already received the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, he or she must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and not be bound by a canonical penalty.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor  
for \_\_\_\_\_, who is to receive the Sacrament of  
Baptism/Confirmation on \_\_\_\_\_ at the Church of  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that:

- **I am at least sixteen years of age.**
- **I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.**
- **I am living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals and (if married), I was married in the Catholic Church.**

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Designated Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parish Seal:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Pastor/Delegate*

Name and town of the Church where designated sponsor was married:

\_\_\_\_\_