



**Congratulations!** I understand that you've been asked to serve as a godparent for a child to be baptized in another parish. It's an honor and a privilege, but it's also a very important responsibility. In fact, it's especially important that the godparent is in a living relationship with our Lord, especially through the Eucharist. To help ensure this, Church law requires the following of a sponsor (Canons 872, 873, 874):

- ✂ *To be chosen by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place*
- ✂ *To have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion*
- ✂ *To lead a life in keeping with the role of a sponsor (therefore):*
  - *Attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments*
  - *If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church*
  - *If not married, must not be in a cohabitating relationship*
- ✂ *You must be at least 16 years old*
- ✂ *You must not be the parent of the one who is to be baptized*

With these requirements in mind, if you need a letter sent on your behalf, please complete the following information and return this form to us, either a hard copy or emailed to: [office@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:office@sjcissaquah.org).

- Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of the child to be baptized: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of the parents of the child: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date baptism is scheduled to occur: \_\_\_\_\_
- Where baptism will take place (parish, city and state): \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you been registered at St. Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what other ways do you contribute to the life of the parish? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you married? If so, please give the name of the parish where the wedding took place. \_\_\_\_\_
- Finally, while my intention is not to judge, I have the responsibility to ask if you are in a cohabitating living arrangement. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please know that in any way the above information is contrary to Church Law, while I have a responsibility to state it in my letter for you, accepting you as godparent is ultimately the decision of the pastor where the child is to be baptized. Also, the parish where the child is to be baptized may require that you, as a godparent, attend a Baptism Class. If you need to attend, please give us a call to register for the next class.*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Todd O. Strange  
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