

### **Selecting Sponsors/Godparents:**

Godparents (sponsors) are sometimes seen merely as an honorary title that you wish to give to someone such as our family or friends. However, they are more than that.

The godparent's role is to help and support parents in their child's religious formation. As such they should be chosen because they demonstrate a life that is in accord with the Catholic faith which the child is to be raised in. With this in mind, the following are prerequisites for godparents according to Canon (Church) Law.

Either male or female, or both, but not two males or two females

Only one sponsor is required, two are acceptable.

16 years or older.

Be a baptized Roman Catholic, have been confirmed and made their first communion, and lead a life of faith consistent with the function to be taken on.

Not be under any Church penalty such as excommunication or suspension

Not the father or the mother of the person being baptized.