

# St. Louise de Marillac

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## To Be Completed by Baptismal Sponsor:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ registered at \_\_\_\_\_ church  
accept the invitation to be the godparent of \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic, living my Catholic faith, and am in good standing with the Catholic Church. I understand that I am called to serve as a companion, guide, and role model to my godchild, especially by my own example and witness.

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Church of Your Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City/State)

Church of Your Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City/State)

I am:          Single          Married

(If married and Catholic, were you married in the Catholic Church?)  Yes  No

## To Be Completed by Sponsors' Priest/Minister

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

Is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a godparent.

Is registered In our parish as a practicing Catholic.

Lives in the boundaries of this parish, but is not a registered parishioner.

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The laws of the Catholic church offer these qualities of a valid sponsor. If there is a second sponsor, they must be of the opposite sex of the first sponsor and meet the requirements of a valid sponsor. A non-baptized person may not serve as a baptismal sponsor or Christian witness.

1. A godparent must **A.** be mature enough to undertake the responsibility ( at least 16 years of age); **B.** be fully initiated, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; **C.** be a baptized member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. [ This would indicate that Catholics living in an invalid marriage (not according to Church regulations) and those who are co-habiting (living together without marriage) are not eligible in their current condition.]
2. 2. A baptized, non– Catholic Christian may act as a “Christian Witness” along with a Catholic godparent, but will not be named on the Baptismal certificate.

Therefore, it is important that you prayerfully consider the serious responsibility, which you take on as a godparent. If you are unable to live up to these Catholic ideals, you may wish to decline this responsibility.

Godparents must attend a pre-baptismal catechesis, either with the parents here at St. Louise de Marillac or in their local parish.

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