

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

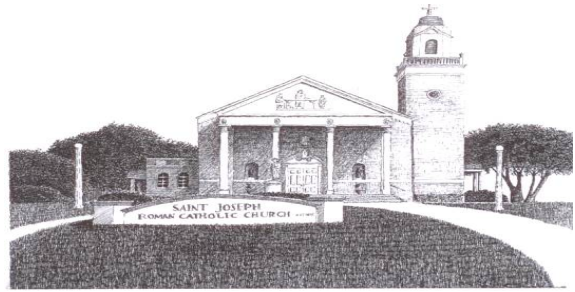
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**Christian Witness
Certificate of Eligibility**

A Christian Witness is a person from a non-Catholic Christian community who is allowed a privileged physical place alongside a Catholic godparent during the ritual of Baptism performed in the Catholic Church. A Christian Witness is unable to participate in the ritual of Baptism as a godparent properly speaking because he/she does not share the Catholic Faith in which the candidate is being baptized. Indeed, the principal requirement of a godparent is that he/she is fully initiated into the Catholic Faith through his/her full union to the Catholic Church.

In order to participate in the Catholic ritual of Baptism as a Christian Witness, one must meet the following requirements:

Please initial all that apply to you.

- _____ 1. Must be validly baptized in a non-Catholic Christian community.
- _____ 2. Must be mature enough to undertake the responsibility (at least 16 years old).

Note: The presence of a Christian Witness is allowed only if there is also a Catholic godparent(s) present.

Note: Those individuals baptized Catholic are not permitted to act as a Christian Witness.

I, _____, accept the invitation to be a Christian Witness to

(christian witness name printed)

_____, child of

(baptismal candidate's first, middle, & last name printed)

(parents's names printed)

for the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Joseph Catholic Church. I affirm that I am validly baptized in a non-Catholic Christian community.

Christian Community of Baptism: _____

A Baptismal Certificate or other proof of a valid Christian Baptism from the community where you were baptized must accompany this form.

(signature of christian witness)

(date)