

Orthodox as Sponsors-Godparents

Baptism

An Orthodox person may serve as a godparent at baptism as long as there is a Catholic godparent.

Confirmation

If the Orthodox person was already one of the sponsors at baptism, he or she could act as sponsor at confirmation, as the law highly encourages this, both in the Rite of Confirmation, no. 5, and in the Code, c. 893, 2.

There could also be two sponsors for confirmation, one Catholic and one Orthodox. The law only mentions one sponsor, but it does not exclude the possibility of two. Only one would need to present the candidate or both sponsors could do so.

Orthodox sponsor certificate/letter

In order to respect the role of the pastor of the Orthodox person being considered for sponsor/godparent and to ensure the suitability of the sponsor/godparent, the person presents a letter from their Orthodox pastor certifying that he/she is qualified to act in that capacity.