

Information for Godparents

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You have the privilege of participating in your godchild's Christian life and formation. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship, one that will last throughout this life and beyond.

There are many ways you can nurture your spiritual relationship with your godchild.

- Celebrate the anniversary of your godchild's Baptism each year with a visit, phone call, email, or card. If possible, talk with your godchild about how he/she has grown in faith over the last year, and share your own stories of growing in your faith life.
- As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life. Keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values so that you will be able to answer your godchild's questions.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events: Christmas and Easter...faith and personal milestones such as First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, graduation, first job, engagement and Marriage.
- For birthdays, holidays, and other occasions, give gifts with religious themes, such as a bible, spiritual book, rosary, religious jewelry, gift certificates for religious goods/books, retreat opportunity...
- Participate in or send assurances of prayer as your godchild celebrates other Sacraments: First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Marriage.
- Create a book of memories to share with your godchild at various times throughout his/her life. Include photos, letters, notes of advice, stories of his/her life, and memories of celebrations of the Sacraments.
- Be supportive of your godchild's parents in their role as the primary faith formers of their child.
- Pray regularly for your godchild and his/her family. Post a photo of your godchild somewhere to remind you to pray for him/her.
- Pray with your godchild and his/her family when you visit. Bless your godchild with the Sign of the Cross on his/her forehead at the end of a visit; as you do so, share a simple prayer of blessing, such as "God bless you," "May Christ fill your heart and mind," "Follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit."
- Attend Mass with your godchild and his/her family. Help them make attending Mass a priority each week.
- Help to ensure that your godchild attends parish faith formation programs. If possible, assist with transportation, scheduling, and other details. As your godchild regularly what he/she is learning about God and living as a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Become a model of Christian living: Pray, read the Scriptures, actively participate in the Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) each week, live Christian values in all aspects of your life, read spiritual texts, use your talents in service and outreach.