



THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS

To be chosen as a Godparent is a special honor. You have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education.

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 this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your godchild. Among them are:

- * Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Baptism each year with a visit, call and/or card.
- * As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values, to be able to answer questions when they arise.
- * Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events. Christmas, Easter . . . and personal growth events . . . graduation, first job, engagement. (Gift suggestions: a Bible, spiritual book, rosary, religious jewelry, gift certificate for religious good/books, retreat opportunity.)
- * Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives the other sacraments, particularly First Communion and Confirmation, which complete initiation into the Church community.
- * Be supportive of your godchild's parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their child.
- * And, most importantly, become a model of Christian living for your godchild, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

Congratulations, and may God bless you!