

THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, above all 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, a call, or a 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 as 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 goods/books, retreat opportunity.)*
- *Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives 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.

*There is one Lord,
one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.
Ephesians 4:5-6*

CONGRATULATIONS, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

