

The Role of a Godparent

Congratulations! You have been chosen to be a godparent and to begin a wonderful journey of faith, which you will share with your godchild.

It is a joy to welcome a new baby by birth or by adoption. It is an added joy to welcome a new child of God through the waters of Baptism.

Your task, your ministry is to be a good Christian role model for this child – to set an example by leading a loving and caring Christian life.

Standing near the parents while the Baptism takes place is only the beginning of a lifelong relationship with your godchild who on that day becomes a new member of God's family and a new member of the Church.

Here are some suggestions to assist and guide you in fulfilling your responsibilities as a Godparent.

- Start now by praying for your godchild.
- Spend time with him or her when you can – especially as the years pass.
- Send cards, notes, e-mail messages.
- Phone from time to time.
- Take your godchild to Mass with you.
- Pray together.
- Read the Bible together.
- Besides remembering your godchild on his or her birthday and at Christmas, what about celebrating the anniversary of Baptism?
- Consider giving the gift of your presence when your godchild needs someone to listen, to care, to teach, or to advise.
- Serve as a good Christian role model, for your godchild to emulate, by being the loving and caring person that Jesus calls us to be.

God bless you now and always!

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