

Godparents for Life

This form to be given to the godparents!

Congratulations! The relationship between a godchild and godparent(s) is unique and lifelong. You are embarking on a special journey, one that will last for years.

On the day of Baptism, the Church asks the godparent(s) if he or she is ready to assist the parents in raising the child in the practice of the faith. The role of the godparent(s) is not limited to the day of Baptism. The Church invites you to be an active presence in the life of your godchild.

Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist is foundational to our lives as Catholics. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the centre of our lives. As godparent(s), you will model what it means to live as a Catholic Christian.

Some Suggestions:

The following suggestions may assist you in your role as godparent(s).

- ❖ Pray for your godchild each day.
- ❖ Visit regularly with your godchild are encouraged.
- ❖ Begin a sacramental scrapbook for your godchild. Later you can work on it together.
- ❖ Write a letter to your godchild telling him or her how you felt on the day of their Baptism. Keep the letter until the child is older.
- ❖ Send a letter or visit each year on the anniversary of your godchild's Baptism.
- ❖ Whenever possible the godparent and the godchild should participate in the Sunday liturgy and other liturgical celebrations together.
- ❖ It is important for the godparent to continue to grow in his or her faith, therefore, take advance of retreats, special workshops or presentations.

As you journey with your godchild may you both discover more and more about the mystery of God's abiding love.

REQUIREMENTS

Godparent(s) -- Please have the attached form completed by your own parish Pastor and return to the parents who will pass it back to St. Mark's Church.