



GODPARENTS

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Do you know your godparents, and do you see them frequently? Usually these are very special people in your life that were chosen to help your parents guide you in Faith throughout your life. Sometimes they are relatives, and sometimes they are close friends. What I have learned is that in everyone's eyes it is an honor to be asked to be a godparent. It is also something that should be carefully thought about before approaching someone to be your child's godparent.

When assisting parents with arranging for their child's Baptism, I always ask their names and why they chose those folks as the child's godparents. We always encourage them to read the resources the parish provides for Baptism on the website prior to our meeting. Whatever the reasons parents share with me, I end our conversation with this: "The role of the godparent is about two things – faith and accompaniment. Collaborating with you the parents, seeking to be involved in both the human and spiritual development of this little child is a sacred duty and should not be taken lightly."

Here are a few points to think or reflect about regarding Baptism that sometimes are forgotten or overlooked. In Baptism, we become adopted children of God. In giving us new life in Baptism, the objective and supernatural actions of God include the removal of our sins, our adoption into His family, the giving of the Holy Spirit, and a welcoming into the Church, the Body of Christ. We receive our status as a chosen daughter or son through the waters of Baptism. Once Baptism happens, the child needs to be raised and taught in the way of the Lord by their parents, godparents, extended family and even their local parish. Children will rely on those entrusted with this sacred duty to teach and form them in the Faith. So, you can see that the godparents have a sacred duty to mentor their godchild or godchildren in the Catholic Faith, along with their Parents, so this young child will choose Christ in their life. Thus, this role is an honor and most important for our future young people.

Have a blessed week ahead and pray for all Godparents!!