

Parents' Godparent Promises

Dear Parents,

Baptism is the singular most important change in your child's life, transforming him/her into a son/daughter of God. In doing so, the following questions are asked of you and the godparents at the ceremony.

You, fathers and mothers who request the Baptism for your children, must realize that you are taking on the obligation of educating them in the faith, so that, keeping the divine commandments, they may love God and their neighbor, as Christ taught us. Do you realize the obligation you are taking on?

And you, godparents, are you willing to help the parents of these children fulfill that obligation?

Parent's Declaration

In proposing godparents for my(our) children, I am selecting individuals that meet, to the best of our knowledge, the following qualities:

1. They are at least sixteen years of age.
2. They have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
3. They are living lives ***in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals.***

Living in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals means many things, but certain behaviors/situations are particularly scandalous if they become publicly known. These incompatible behaviors/situations include the following:

- Living together with a person who is not one's husband/wife. Please note: This includes those who have been civilly married or married in another Church without having been married with permission from the Catholic Church.
- Being in same-sex relationship, whether living together or not.
- Habitual non-attendance of Mass or attending another church or practicing of another religion

I(we) acknowledge all the above. I(we) additionally acknowledge that while godparents will be asked to sign a statement testifying to these qualifications, if prior to baptism it becomes known to the Church that these qualifications are not met, they will not be allowed to serve as Godparents in the official record, although they may be present at the ceremony and serve any role in our child's life as we desire.

Father

Mother