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DEAR GODPARENTS,

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, along with the child's parents, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education. The sponsor must be a baptized Catholic (at least 16 years old) who has received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." [This 6-minute video](#) gives a great overview about the important role of godparents.

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. Suggestions include:

- 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, etc.)
- Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives the 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 attending Mass weekly.

By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

Congratulations, and may God bless you!

UNITED IN FAITH,

Christ the King Parish

"Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth."

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