

ST. MARK PARISH

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The Commitment of Godparents

To be chosen as a Godparent is a special honor. However, it is not just an honor but a serious responsibility. You represent the Catholic faith community to your Godchild. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education. 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. Among them are:

- Pray daily for your Godchild.
- Celebrate the anniversary of their day of Baptism each year with a visit 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 (graduations, first job, etc.).
- Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your Godchild receives the other sacraments, particularly, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, which completes initiation into the Church.
- Be supportive of your Godchild's parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their child.
- Become a model of Catholic living for your Godchild, through daily prayer, virtuous living, and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Godparent to:

Name of Godchild

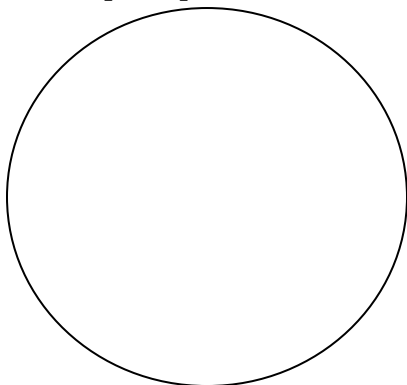
Signature of Godparent _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Godparent _____

If the Godparent is not a parishioner at St. Mark, please have the following completed by their pastor:

The above person is an active member of this parish, meets the Archdiocesan Godparent requirements, has completed a Baptism class and/or is capable of assuming the responsibilities of being a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please place parish seal here:



Signature of Pastor

Print Pastor's Name

Parish Name

Address