



Christ the King Catholic Church

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Dear Godparent,

Congratulations! You have the special honor of being chosen to be a godparent to a child preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism at Christ the King Church. Your family or friends believe you to be an authentic witness of the Catholic faith in their lives and so have chosen you to play a special role in the spiritual life of their child!

Godparents are seen as the official representatives of the Catholic Christian community into which the child will be Baptized. They promise their loving support to parents and agree to aid in the upbringing of the child in his or her life of faith. Along with the parents, they renounce sin and pronounce their faith in God. In a sense, they become members of the child's "immediate spiritual family" and remain part of his or her life as a source of guidance, support and inspiration.

Because of the nature of the role of godparent, there are a few requirements that a person must meet to adequately fulfill the responsibilities:

- At least 16 years of age
- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- If married, was married in the Catholic Church by a priest or deacon
- Is a practicing Catholic: attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, and receives the Sacraments of the Church regularly

Please see the attached pages to help provide us with documentation of all your Sacraments. A "notated" copy of your Baptism certificate (see example) can be obtained by contacting the parish where you were Baptized and asking them to fax Christ the King the certificate and notations. This is the easiest option, or you may also send us a copy of the certificate from each of your Sacraments individually.

And finally, to help you prepare for the responsibility of your role as godparent, we invite you to attend our preparation class for parents and godparents. This one-time class will take place before the Baptism and will be a "refresher" course in the basics about faith, sacraments, sin, grace and specifically Baptism. You will be joining with other families preparing for Baptism to learn, share and discuss. Please work with the parents of your godchild to find a mutually agreeable date to attend the class.

I look forward to meeting you and celebrating the special day of your godchild's Baptism! Please don't hesitate to email or call me with questions!

In Christ,

Laura McDowell
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