

## **Expectations and Requirements for Catholic Godparents**

The Church desires that every child/adult baptized into the Catholic faith will also have Godparents who commit to standing in for the parents (the first teachers of the Catholic faith) and to assist the parents in the task of rearing the child in the faith (in the case of a child), by living a life as a model for Catholic living.

While the Church requires only one Godparent, her desire is that there would be two, a Godfather and a Godmother. All who take on this vocation are to be fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed, and Eucharist), living the Catholic faith (weekly attendance at Sunday Mass, serving in any ministry in or outside the Church) to the best of their ability. If a married couple are chosen to be Godparents, they must be married in the Church. Godparents can only offer to the Godchild what they already possess, and the Catholic faith in its entirety is to be witnessed by the Godparents to the child or adult.

Any Godparent outside of the parish will need to provide a letter from their home pastor that they are in good standing with the Catholic church to be accepted as Catholic Godparents.