



Parent and Sponsor Baptismal Promises

Take a few minutes to consider the bulleted responsibilities below, which you (and your child's sponsors) will promise to fulfill.

1. *Underline* phrases that you feel come easiest or most naturally to you.
2. *Circle* phrases that you find challenging, raise questions, or bring out strong feelings.
3. *Discuss* with your partner or child's sponsor how you envision these promises to look in your child's life and where you'd like to seek more support.
4. *Contact* a pastor if you'd like to discuss any questions or concerns you have about any part of these promises: 952.432.6351.

During the baptism, the Pastor will say: As you bring *her/him* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with *her/him* among God's faithful people,
- bring *her/him* faithfully to the services of God's house,
- teach *her/him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in *her/his* hands the holy scriptures,
- and nurture *her/him* in faith and prayer,

so that *she/he* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations to help (child's name) grow in the Christian faith and life?

If so, answer: **"We do."**



Baptismal Sponsor Information

Parents, as you prepare for the baptism of your child, you may select one or more persons to serve as sponsors. Sponsorship is an important aspect of the baptismal process, and we trust you will give this matter serious thought. The main task of the sponsor is to help nurture your child in his/her growth in the Christian faith. Sponsors do not have to be Lutheran, but they should be confessing Christians who are actively involved in the life of some church. Please see the following letter (that is given to sponsors at a baptism) for more details as to what is expected of a sponsor.

(EXAMPLE)

A Letter to My Baptismal Sponsor

Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for taking part in one of the most important days in my life. You were present when I was adopted as God's child in baptism. I'm glad that you were chosen for me!

One of the joys of being my baptismal sponsor is that you can be an important part of nurturing my faith as I grow up. My pastor says that caring conversations with adults are the most important thing for helping my faith grow and deepen. In addition to that, will you pray for and with me? Will you worship with me and help me to understand that Jesus loves me? Will you help me remember who I am—a beloved child of God?

When I get older, will you help me celebrate the milestones of my life? Please come to my first communion and confirmation—other days when we can celebrate God's love together.

Thank you for being an important part of my life. You are a beloved child of God, too.

Your Godchild,

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