



The Role of the Godparent

The role of the Catholic Godparent is one of support to the Catholic parents. In the Catholic faith, parents have the primary responsibility for raising their children in the faith by

- Training their children in lived faith (belief, prayer, worship, virtues, service)
- Keeping and living commandments to model God's values
- Fostering God's life in them
- Professing and living the faith
- Cooperating as spouses
- Fostering the unique spiritual and/or secular vocation of each child
- Helping their child to be a **disciple**
- Fostering their child's calling to married, single or ordained or religious life

As do parents, godparents try to live as committed disciples by:

- Commitment
- Lived faith
- Stable marriage and household life
- Connection to and involvement in parish
- Private prayer and personal integrity
- Sense of gratitude
- Concern for the less fortunate.