

The Responsibility of the Godchild

Ideally the Godparent and Godchild will develop a close and loving relationship. As with any relationship, this spiritual relationship needs to be fostered and cared for in order for it to develop. The best way for this relationship to grow is through prayer. Pray for your Godparent and their family. By doing this you are encouraging the relationship and giving it the spiritual foundation upon which it can grow.

When greeting one's Godparent, you should feel the love and familiarity that you have with your own parents. If one is comfortable, it is NOT inappropriate to hug or kiss your godparents, as one would one's own parents.

A Godchild should light candles and pray for their Godparents every time they enter a church, say their family prayers, and say their personal prayers. The Godchild should observe the Godparents names day and celebrate it with a special visit and/or gift.

Seek to spend time together. Keep in touch by whatever means if your Godparents live in the next town, out of province or across the globe. Prayer and love in Christ know no bounds!

There will come a time when your Godparents have aged and are less able to be fully present with you do to mobility or simply aging and illness. Remember to continue to pray for them and visit or write them often to maintain your relationship. Ask their advice, honour them and show them every respect that you are able.

Finally, there will come a day in which your Godparents will repose in the Lord. Continue to pray for them, now adding them to the names of the departed that you pray for. They may very well be the first. Be sure to remember them. Offer memorials for them in the Church as you are able and as is our custom, do good works and offer alms in their name.