

## **GODPARENTS INFORMATION**



**Godparents are to play a real and vital role in the life of the child being baptized. Too often, godparents are chosen simply because the relatives, with parents trying not to offend either side of the family by leaving someone out.**

**The choice should be made on very different grounds. A candidate for Baptism must have at least one sponsor, or godparent. A godparent should be one who will be able to share their faith with the child by word and example to understand what it means to live as a member of the Church.**

**The godparent cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized.**

**The godparent must be at least 16, be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and has received the Holy Eucharist and is living an active faith life (attending mass and receiving the sacraments regularly). If the godparent is married, he must have received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.**

**There can be two godparents, a man and a woman.**

**A Christian of another denomination may stand as one of the witnesses at the baptism. Such a witness also must be actively living the Christian faith in his or her own denomination.**