

SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM (BRIEF NOTES)

THE ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

Primarily they are people who know Jesus Christ and will promise to help our child develop his/her relationship with God. The role is one that lasts throughout his/her life, through childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

They do this by prayer, by listening to the person and knowing them, by listening to the parents.

It is also their job to encourage them in the faith through the witness of their personal experience.

The role is an important one, so choose your sponsors wisely.

WHO DO WE CHOOSE AS OUR CHILD'S SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM?

A baptized Christian who can say the promises on pages 153 and 154 of the Book of Alternative Services.

Someone you love and trust with the spiritual care of your child. They do not become your child's guardian – guardianship is provided for in your Will. You may choose parents and grandparents.

NOTES TO SPONSORS

- Ø Arrive at the church at 10:00 a.m.
- Ø Sponsors are seated with the parents and candidate for baptism.
- Ø The Sunday service begins on page 1 of the bulletin.
- Ø The service of Holy Baptism begins after the Sermon and on page 153 in the green Book of Alternative Services when the sponsor presents the candidate for Baptism. The sponsors and the parents will say together, "I present _____ to receive the sacrament of Baptism." The other candidates for Baptism will each be presented by their sponsors.
- Ø You will answer some questions about your relationship with Jesus. (Hint: If the officiant asks "Do you?" you answer "I do" and if the officiant asks "Will you?" you answer "I will".
- Ø Each candidate will be brought forward to the font by his/her accompanied by his/her parents and sponsors.
- Ø When all candidates have been baptized each will be presented with a baptismal candle given either to one of his/her sponsors or a parent.