

Parent Commitment Form

In bringing your child for baptism, certain responsibilities and expectations need to be addressed. First and foremost, it will be important for you develop and deepen your own relationship with the Lord, and to ground that relationship in your participation within a parish community. This happens to the degree you allow the power of the Spirit to work in your life, especially through your participation in the Eucharist. In addition, I urge you to avail yourself of the ways that the Lord wishes to nourish and nurture you as an adult and as a parent. Throughout the year we have many opportunities for you to grow in that way.

In the *New Catechism of the Catholic Church* we receive encouragement and direction in practicing our Catholic faith. One area that pertains to Catholic parents is especially worth noting as you begin this endeavor with your child. The *Catechism* says:

“Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.” (CCC 2226)

Because we realize the importance of the commitment you are making in deciding to raise this child in the Catholic faith, we offer a few reminders and words of encouragement. After prayerfully reading the statement below, please sign the commitment and bring to the baptism class.

(prayerfully consider the statement and sign below:)

As a Catholic, I realize that my example and witness to the faith is deeply connected to my child’s experience of God in his/her life. I realize that by baptizing this child, I am embracing the call to follow Christ for my child as well as renewing my own discipleship to Christ. I am prepared to take that step and live out my faith by words and actions.

- I will make a concerted effort to celebrate with the Catholic community Mass each Sunday.
- I realize that Assumption parish desires to support my journey as a disciple by offering various activities throughout the year to help adult members of the parish grow in faith. I will make a concerted effort to join in these programs so my faith as an adult might deepen.

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