

***The following Letter to Sponsors is suggested by the Rev. Dr. Richard Melheim in his baptismal book Welcome to the Family!***

Dear one,

We know that you share in our joy at the miracle of this new birth. God has blessed us with the gift of our child and with the gift of friends/family like you who truly care.

Because you mean so much to us, we would like you to consider taking a special role in the life of our child. We would like you to enter a covenant with us to serve as our child's baptismal sponsor (godparent).

Sponsorship in our church is more than just an honorary gesture. The responsibilities we expect from our child's sponsors include:

1. To pray for our child regularly
2. To remember our child's baptismal anniversary and birthday every year with a card or letter
3. To be a model of love, care, and Christ-like kindness for our child
4. If anything should happen to us, to see to it that our child is brought up in the Christian faith, taught to read the Bible as a source of life and direction, and brought to worship regularly.

We have chosen you because we believe that you, of all our friends/family, would sincerely try to honor this commitment and care for the spiritual well-being of our child. Please take a few days to think and pray about this commitment and let us know. We are grateful to have friends/family like you and will respect whatever decision you feel most comfortable with.

Love,