

Baptism Covenant



The baptism of infants and young children assumes the full and active participation of both the parents and the parish community in the faith formation of children. This Covenant expresses the mutual responsibilities and commitments which we acknowledge as parents and parish communities to the infants and children who are baptised in the Catholic parishes of Waterloo.

The parish community acknowledges our responsibility

- to provide an active and welcoming faith community, which supports and assists parents in their role as the first heralds of faith to their children.
- to provide meaningful and convenient opportunities for participation in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church.
- to provide life-long faith formation and adult education opportunities which enable parents to deepen their own understanding and practice of the Catholic faith.
- to provide opportunities which enable parents to grow in the knowledge and skills they need to be more effective role models and first heralds of faith to their children.
- to assist parents in the preparation of their children for, and celebration of, the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.
- to provide religious formation and education opportunities for children and young adults.

The parents acknowledge our responsibility

- to provide a supportive and nurturing family life, in which children experience firsthand the beliefs, values and traditions of the Catholic faith.
- to participate as fully as possible in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church by attending Mass regularly and celebrating the Sacraments frequently.
- to guarantee my child's regular and active participation in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church.
- to assist in my child's preparation for, and celebration of, the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.
- to enroll my child in formal religious education programs, and to be actively involved in the religious education of my child.
- to support the parish by my stewardship of time, talent and financial resources.



We enter into this sacred covenant in a spirit of cooperation and support, as an expression of our commitment to the continuing religious formation and education of our children.

Mother

Father

Pastor

Date