

GODPARENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Components in the monthly reports

Each report should have the following as a heading:

God child:
Godparent:
Month:

Please have the following heading and comment on the following in your monthly reports:

1. Homily
Please discuss the homilies that your godchild has heard either on a weekly basis or over a few weeks. It does not matter if you are not from the same parish. Sometimes this might be better as your godchild and you might get more out of the homilies. This discussion is to be reported. Did the homily enable the godchild to live whatever that had inspired him or her? You need to follow up with this over the next few months.
2. Knowledge of the faith
They should be listening in class and learning new things. For a student to remember more effectively, he needs to talk about it. Therefore as an aid to his or her growing in the knowledge of the faith, you should ask him or her about what he or she has learnt and how that has been affecting his or her life.
3. Involvement in Church
Your godchild will be required to be involved in one of the ministries in the Church. It will be good for you to reflect this in your report. You should ask him or her about he or her involvement and how he feels about his or her contribution to the Church.
4. Witnessing in School
Knowing the faith and not putting it into practice is a shame. As part of your report we would like you to reflect with your godchild as to how is it living the faith in school amongst teenagers who are Catholics, Christians and non-baptised. It is sad that very often Catholic either shun away from discussion about the faith or often come out of it wanting. Do they succumb to the pressures of the school trends and peer pressure or are they able to stand tall as a Catholic.
5. Reflection on baptism and confirmation
There should be an ongoing discussion on these two sacraments as it will help the godchild internalise his or her understanding of confirmation and it will further help them to live the sacrament after the event.
6. Godparent and godchild journey
In your assessment, has your godchild been open to you in the discussions and revelations about his or her life. Was he or she committed to these reflections or was he or she just going through the motion? Were you able to establish a better understanding of your godchild?
7. What is your godchild's prayer life like?
To know that your godchild prays is one step; however you need to talk to your godchild and know how it is going. Is it a two minutes prayer every night or is it an extended period of time that your godchild spends with the Trinity.
8. Has your godchild been reading the bible regularly?
Reading the bible is an important of a Christian's life. It is the Word that directs us in our lives. So, you need to see how your godchild has chosen the book in the bible to read and you need to follow your godchild's progress in reading and reflecting on the Word of God and most importantly putting that Word into action.