

Dedication and Naming Ceremony

MINISTER: _____ and _____, in asking from us the welcoming and blessing of _____ you dedicate yourselves to the fullest development of his/her unique potential. In seeking for/her him the blessing of our free faith and the universal church, you pledge to encourage in him/her, to the best of your ability, the love of truth, the vision of peace and the sense of belonging to one human family.

Do you each promise that by your teaching and example, you will help him/her to be reverent and strong, and equal to the tasks and temptations that will confront him/her?

PARENTS: 'I do.'

Followed by the opportunity for the parents to say in their own words the things they are promising.

MINISTER: Your child is the wonderful creation of your lives together. It is your desire to make life for him/her as wonderful as it can be. May this brief ceremony be for you a symbol of your gratitude and your resolution.

Do each of you as godparents promise to support _____ and _____ in their task of parenthood?

GODPARENTS: 'I do.'

Followed by the opportunity for the Godparents to say in their own words the things they are promising.

MINISTER: What names have you given this child?

PARENTS: _____

MINISTER: _____, in the name of God we welcome you to the human family and to the earth, our common home. We welcome you with water, symbol of the purity with which you were born; and with a flower, symbol of the beauty which is yours. May God bless you as we bless you, and may the divine spirit in your heart guide you, comfort you and strengthen you all the days of your life. Amen.