# A Sampling of Resources for Infant Baptism

## For Godparents

### Being a Godparent
http://www.litpress.org/Products/3159/being-a-godparent.aspx
Both inspirational and informative, this booklet celebrates the honor and responsibility that come with being a godparent. It’s a valuable guide for those who want a deeper understanding of this role, along with what role a godparent has at baptism. This book emphasizes nourishing the new life received in baptism, as well as the importance of setting an example of Christian living. The gift of sharing in the growth of a child’s faith is described and the tradition of being a godparent is explained. Liturgical Press.

### Catholic Parent Know-How: How to Be a Godparent
Lorene Hanley Duquin
Catholic Parent Know-How: How to Be a Godparent explains everything a Godparent needs to know. Our Sunday Visitor.

### Catholic Parent Know-How: Godparents, Spanish
Lorene Hanley Duquin
Catholic Parent Know-How: How to Be a Godparent explains everything a Godparent needs to know. Our Sunday Visitor.

### Godparenting
http://www.liguori.org/godparenting.html
An informative, practical guide on how to become a Catholic godparent, this wonderful pamphlet explores the theory and practice behind this sacred trust, helping both new and soon-to-be parents and godparents better understand their roles and responsibilities in the process. Godparenting casts light on the theological and spiritual significance of this time-honored practice. Liguori Publications.

### Godparenting for Life
http://www.liguori.org/godparenting-for-life-5618.html#
You’ve been asked to be a godparent! This rewarding, lifelong commitment is a very special one that you will share with your godchild. Godparenting for Life identifies ways to be a witness to Christian living, how godparents can support the Christian values of the parents, and gives suggestions for godparenting when you don’t live near your godchild. This wonderful resource will help guide you on your journey to being a loving and supportive godparent. Liguori Publications.

### The Gift of Godparents For Those Chosen with Love and Trust to be Godparents
http://www.actapublications.com/giftofgodparents/
Tom Sheridan
This explanation of the sacrament of Baptism and the responsibilities of godparenting blends touching stories of real-life godparents with suggestions about how to help a godchild grow in the faith from baptism to adulthood. ACTA Publications.

### The Godparent Book
Elaine Ramshaw
This book offers an abundance of ideas for things that godparents and godchildren can do from before Baptism through adulthood. Liturgy Training Publications.
Welcomed by Name Our Godchild's Baptism
Para darle la bienvenida
Peg Bowman
The godparent booklet helps prepare sponsors for their role in the Baptism and encourages continued involvement in their godchild's spiritual growth. Loyola Press.

When You Are a Godparent: Handing on the Faith
Elizabeth Bookser Barkley
Looks at the Sacrament of Baptism and its ritual, offers suggestions for preparing for this role and for supporting the parents, and discusses ways a godparent can model the Christian faith and share that faith with the child at various stages. This resource also includes questions for reflection or discussion, stories from godparents, tips for appropriate gifts and practices, and passages from the liturgy of the sacrament, Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church for prayerful meditation. St Anthony Messenger Press.

Your Godchild: What It Means to be a Catholic Godparent
Su ahijado(a): Lo que significa ser padrinos y madrinas católicos
http://www.liguori.org/your-godchild-5583.html
An informative booklet with activities for godparents and godchildren, tips on spiritual nurturing and ways to explore this important commitment. Explains the sacrament of baptism, what it means to be a godparent, prayer and more. Liguori Publications.

For Parents

About the Sacrament of Baptism CHBT-17715
Explains the purpose, history and meaning of Baptism. Describes both infant and adult Baptism, and discusses the role of parents, sponsors, and the Church community. Illustrated with simple black and white line drawings. Channing L Bete Co Inc.

At Home with Our Faith
http://homefaith.wordpress.com/
Nine times a year, At Home with Our Faith offers parents fresh new insights on important parenting topics. Parents are in the best position to positively influence their children's lives for good. AHF helps them take advantage of the ordinary opportunities family life offers to nourish spiritual meaning and evoke religious commitment. It helps increase parents' own religious literacy and points to the ways in which religion is fostered in the course of normal daily life.

At Home with the Sacraments BAPTISM: Entry into God's Family
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/athowisa.html
Peg Bowman
You're warmly invited…to renew your faith, sharpen your Catholic commitment, and go on a family faith-journey. Consider this little booklet your guide as you prepare with your child to receive the sacrament of Baptism. Brush up on its history, meaning, and ritual (and even learn something new) so you can feel comfortable and confident in your role as your child's first teacher of the faith. Twenty Third Publications.

Baby’s Baptism: Sacrament of Welcome
Booklet for parents addresses the role of family in faith formation, explains the ritual, includes guidelines for godparents, and offers suggestions for planning the baptismal day.
Catholic Parent Know-How: Preparing for Your Child’s Baptism
Janet Schaeffler, OP
Provides an overview of the Church’s teaching about the Sacrament of Baptism and includes an introduction to the Rite of Baptism with reflection questions for parents based on reading for the Rite. Our Sunday Visitor.

Catholic Parent Know-How: Preparing Your Child for Baptism (Spanish)
Janet Schaeffler, OP
Preparing your child for Baptism is not just about the moment of Baptism, because Baptism is not just about one moment. Baptism is a lifetime sacrament. In Spanish. Our Sunday Visitor.

Celebrating Your Child’s Baptism
Celebren el bautismo de sus hijos
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/ceyochba.html
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/ceelbadesush.html

El Bautismo
http://www.litpress.org/Products/4028/el-bautismo.aspx
Juan Dingler, S.J
Semillas que ayudarán a los papás a comprender el sacramento del Bautismo. Los preparará para esta gran fiesta, en la que Dios vendrá a cobijarse en el corazón de su hijo. Seeds of thoughts that will help parents understand the sacrament of Baptism. It will prepare them for this great celebration in which God will come to be received in the heart of their child. Liturgical Press,

http://www.actapublications.com/giftofbaptism/
This welcoming approach to baptismal preparation helps parents understand the meaning of the sacrament for the child, recognize their important role as parents, and appreciate the support they received from their parish faith community. ACTA Publications.

Prayerbook for Parents at Baptism
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/prforpaatba.html

Together at Baptism
Robert Hamma
New, free downloadable materials include a simple program guide for leaders and tips for godparents. A selection sheet for recording reading choices is also provided for parents, creating a meaningful memento of the joyous occasion. Ave Maria Press, Inc.

Touched by Grace: Baptism
http://www.liguori.org/baptism.html
Kathleen Chesto
Written for a wide audience -- everyone from catechumens to the people in the pew -- the Touched By Grace series takes a vibrant look at how the sacraments affect Catholics in their daily lives. Avoiding deep theological concepts and jargon, this series describes each sacrament as a special vehicle of grace designed to have a "life impact" on the recipient. Liguori Publications.
 Welcomed by Name: Our Child's Baptism  
Para darle la bienvenida  
Peg Bowman  
The parent booklet highlights key aspects of Baptism and its significance to the family. In it, parents can record important information to share with their child later in life.  
Loyola Press.

 Your Baby's Baptism  
http://www.liguori.org/your-baby-s-baptism-6271.html  
Deals with the practical questions that concern parents and sets the scene for personal parish instruction. Liguori Publications.

 El Bautismo de Su Bebe  
http://www.liguori.org/el-bautismo-de-su-bebe-7012.html  
Guía de mayor venta que ahora incluye texto actualizado y nuevas fotografías. Ideal para informar a los padres de familia sobre este importante evento y para dar instrucción individual en la parroquia. Los temas que se incluyen son: La ceremonia del bautismo; 10 preguntas que las personas hacen; y otros más. Fotos a todo color, formato de revista.  
This Spanish edition of Your Baby's Baptism deals with the practical questions that concern parents and sets the scene for personal parish instruction. Includes: The Baptism Service; 10 Questions People Ask; and more. Full-color, magazine-style format. Gallagher & Trenchard, Liguori, $3.99.

 Your Child’s Baptism  
Paul Turner  
What should parents know as they prepare to have their child baptized? This book provides parents with answers to their most frequently asked questions and addresses their most frequently voiced concerns. Topics include the age of the child, parental consent, church attendance habits, qualifications for eligibility to serve as a godparent, the number of godparents, non-Catholic godparents and proxies, and more. The Rite of Baptism is also outlined. Keep copies of this well-priced book on hand to give to new or expecting parents and those inquiring about Baptism. Great for baptismal preparation programs. Liturgy Training Publications.

 Your Child’s Baptism, Revised Edition  
http://www.litpress.org/Products/3158/yourchilds-baptism.aspx  
This revised edition guides parents through the experience of their child’s baptism. Your Child’s Baptism is a useful resource for reflecting on baptism. This full-color booklet explains the meaning of the rite and provides a step-by-step guide of what to expect during the baptismal ceremony. Through this book, parents are able to explore the first steps in their child’s journey of faith. It will leave readers with a new appreciation of the baptismal tradition and of its importance in becoming a member of God’s family. Additionally, Your Child’s Baptism reflects on the joys, fears, and obligations that accompany parenthood. Liturgical Press.

 Your Child’s Baptism: Handing on the Faith  
Carol Luebering  
The far-reaching and clearly formed insights in Your Child’s Baptism, will help you as you prepare for the simple—and yet complex—beginning of your child's life in Christ. This book is a revised edition of the popular What Do You Ask for Your Child? St Anthony Messenger Press.
Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions

**Baby's Baptism: Sacrament of Welcome**
With Father Anthony Scannell, O.F.M.
*Baby's Baptism: Sacrament of Welcome* is a three-part video series designed to prepare parents for the Baptism of their child. It focuses on the deeper meanings of Christian Initiation. Hosted by Father Anthony Scannell, O.F.M. *Baby's Baptism* focuses on the welcoming community of the Church, historical roots of Baptism, and the baptismal ritual itself. Scannell then takes the new parents through a discernment process, reviews guidelines for godparents, and completes the preparation with a theological summary on the sacrament. **St Anthony Messenger Press.**

**Baptism and Beyond - Leader Guide, Parent Booklet for Baptism, Parent Guide Preparing for Baptism and Nurturing Your Child's Spirituality**
Kathy Coffey
Contains everything a leader needs to lead two parent sessions. Includes 6 reproducible letters to send to the parents, keeping them in touch with the parish and encouraging them to work with their child at home. Compliments the Parent Guide that parents use for preparation and follow-up to the two sessions. **Church Publishing Inc.**

**El Bautismo y más: Folleto para Padres en Español**
https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/index.cfm?fuseaction=productDetail&productID=1109
This concise booklet provides parents with a thorough background and understanding of the sacrament of baptism. Helps parents confidently prepare for their child's baptism celebration and explains the symbols and scriptures of baptism and coordinates with the Leader Guide. **Church Publishing Inc.**

**Baptism Is a Beginning/El Bautismo es un comienzo: Bilingual Reproducible Handouts for Infant Baptism Preparation**
Edited by Rebekah Rojcewicz
This book with CD-Rom provides parishes with all they need to prepare parents and families, godparents, and sponsors for the Baptism of a child and for continuing support and formation after the Baptism. Eighteen different pamphlets can be reproduced for distribution to families and are enriched by the insights of Sofia Cavalletti, founder of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

**Call to Celebrate Baptism** (available in English and Spanish)
http://www.osvcurriculum.com/baptism/index.html
*Our Sunday Visitor’s* baptism preparation program is engaging, reflective and flexible. This four lesson program can easily be adapted to a half day retreat or two, two hour sessions.

**God’s Own Child Parent’s Book**
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/goownchpabo.html
*A Book for Parents Welcoming Their Child into the Christian Community*
God’s Own Child is an appealing, proven, hands-on, adaptable resource for the pre-baptismal program in your parish. It works equally well for parents who are newcomers, returning Catholics, or regular parishioners. It is easy to use and can be incorporated easily into existing parish schedules. **Twenty Third Publications.**
God's Own Child Leader's Guide
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/goownchlegu.html
God's Own Child is an appealing, proven, hands-on, adaptable resource for the pre-baptismal program in your parish. It works equally well for parents who are newcomers, or are returning Catholics, or are regular parishioners. It will fit easily into your parish preparation schedule.
Twenty-Third Publications, $2.50.

Growing Up Catholic Baptism Preparation (English/Spanish)
http://www.thepastoralcenter.com/gucbaptism.html
A process for engaging, evangelizing, and coaching young parents.
Available in print and as a reproducible eResource
Ann Naffziger and Paul Canavese
The Pastoral Center

I Claim You for Christ -- Retreat-like Process for Baptism Prep (E-product)
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/iclyouforchr.html
Twenty Third Publications.

Infant Baptism: A Sourcebook for Parishes
http://www.loyolapress.com/infant-baptism-a-sourcebook-for-parishes.htm
Developed by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Infant Baptism Task Force. This sourcebook is designed to guide members of the parish infant Baptism team in creating or enriching a baptismal process. The binder provides a rich and essential catechetical background for Baptism leaders, includes questions and answers to commonly-asked sacrament questions, offers program planning and assessment tools, and provides suggestions for recruiting and training program volunteers. The sourcebook focuses on parental understanding of the sacrament of Baptism and emphasizes post baptismal family involvement in the parish. Loyola Press.

Parent Letters from Your Parish, Revised
McNamara/Plum/Plum
Keep parents connected to their faith and parish with encouragement, support, and outreach in one easy program! Completely updated with a vibrant design, fresh content, and all-new parent gifts, Parent Letters is better than ever! This series of 7 post-Baptism mailings makes it easy to engage new families and keep them inspired in the Faith! Starting right after Baptism and every 6 months thereafter, Parent Letters delivers the Catholic wisdom, support, and encouragement parents need to nurture their child's spiritual growth as well as a FREE gift for every mailing! Our Sunday Visitor.

Parent Letters from Your Parish, Revised, Spanish
McNamara/Plum/Plum
Keep Spanish-speaking parents connected to their faith and parish with encouragement, support, and outreach in one easy program! Completely updated with a vibrant design, fresh content, and all-new parent gifts, Parent Letters is better than ever! This series of 7 post-Baptism mailings makes it easy to engage new families and keep them inspired in the Faith!

The Rite of Baptism for One Child and for Several Children
People's Edition
http://www.litpress.org/Products/2923/the-rite-of-baptism-for-one-child-and-for-several-children.aspx
The Rite of Baptism is presented in participation format for the use of the assembly. This booklet features the official rite for one child and for several children.
What Do You Ask of God's Church?

--And What Does God's Church Ask of You? A two- or four-session program designed for couples, single parents and godparents with thoughtful exercises and discussion. Components include four parent handouts, and a leader's guide with transparencies and reproducible masters. **Liguori Publications** (2001)

What Do You Ask of God's Church? Married Couples Packet
What Do You Ask of God's Church? Single Parent Packet
What Do You Ask of God's Church? Leader's Guide

**Understanding Baptism**

A Catholic Baptism
http://www.liguori.org/a-catholic-baptism.html#
Julia Dugger

This series is written for those who find themselves attending a Catholic ceremony but are unacquainted with what they are experiencing. Each of these attractive and informative leaflets gives a brief history and description of the sacrament or ceremony it covers, and its rituals. Basic Catholic terms are also defined. Each leaflet includes a “How to Participate” section that answers frequently asked questions like who can receive holy Communion; what to do for those can't or don't want to kneel; when it’s okay to take photos; how to handle children during the ceremony; and more. **Liguori Publications.**

Baptism: Understanding the Sacraments
http://www.litpress.org/Products/3188/baptism.aspx
Lawrence E. Mick

Baptism enables the church to carry on the mission that was entrusted to it by Christ. Those who accept the call to baptism are accepting God's call to continue the work of Christ in the world today. In *Baptism*, Mick offers adult catechumens, parents, godparents, and all believers a meaningful introduction to this first sacrament of initiation. A practice dating back to the time of Jesus and shared by communities across the Christian tradition, baptism has a rich and dynamic history within the Catholic Church. This small volume is an excellent companion to the journey that begins with water and affirmation. **Liturgical Press**, $2.00; 50+ copies, $1.00. Due 5/07.

Baptism Sourcebook
*Illustrations are by Southwest artist G.E. Mullan*

Texts gathered for pondering by all the baptized. Taken from prose, poetry, hymnody, scripture and liturgical and patristic texts, this collection unfolds the mystery of Baptism as an event that extends into every moment of life. **Liturgy Training Publications**, $18.00.

Catechesis and Mystagogy: Infant Baptism
edited by Victoria M. Tufano

Liturgy and catechesis should happen together. We’ve brought together liturgists, catechists, pastoral ministers and academic experts to address how a parish might pastorally care for
families who are bringing their children to the Church for Baptism. These essays discuss pre-education, training for catechists, timing of the rites, and the homily. But it doesn’t stop there: mystagogy and follow-up are addressed, too. **Liturgy Training Publications**

*Infant Baptism A Parish Celebration*
http://www.ltp.org/p-858-infant-baptism-a-parish-celebration.aspx

“We Catholics thought we had the one definitive meaning of [baptism], but our historical searching and the reform of our rites have shown us the meaning is as potent and ambiguous and as hard to control as the water we use.” Reflects on the rite, step by step. **Liturgy Training Publications.**

*Infant Baptism Basics: A Parish Program*
http://www.ocp.org/products/6083
Christopher Heller

This publication presents a parish infant baptismal program that responds to the vision of sacramental life described by Vatican II. The program reflects the demands of, and insights into, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; it’s about being and becoming a church of hospitality, outreach and evangelization. **Oregon Catholic Press.**

### DVDs for Baptism Preparation and Adult Faith Formation

*El Bautismo de Su Bebé*
http://www.liquor.org/el-bautismo-de-su-bebe-7010.html#

Contiene partes del rito del bautismo para darles a los hispanos católicos un conocimiento más profundo de lo que significa el bautismo para los niños, los padres, y la comunidad parroquial. **Liguori Publications.**

*Your Baby’s Baptism*
http://www.liquor.org/your-baby-s-baptism.html

Father Joe Kempf helps a gathered assembly celebrate the Rite of Baptism. Depicts baptism by pouring, immersion, and baptism during Sunday Mass. 20 minutes. **Liguori Publications.**

*Your Baby’s Baptism: Welcome to God’s Family*
http://www.liquor.org/your-baby-s-baptism-6274.html#

with Fr. Jim Deiters

This 30-minute DVD is a wonderful reminder that the Church and God's entire family continue to grow. It celebrates and renews your faith while strengthening your decision to raise your child in the Catholic faith. As Fr. Jim Deiters guides you through the sacrament, he will help you embrace our faith community and feel the difference it makes in your life.

Your Baby’s Baptism will strengthen and encourage you to clothe yourself in mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love as you go forth to raise your child in the Catholic faith. **Liguori Publications.**

*Baby’s Baptism: Sacrament of Welcome*

A three-part video series designed to help prepare parents for the Baptism of their child. It focuses on the deeper meanings of Christian initiation. Hosted by Father Anthony Scannell, O.F.M., the overall tone is one of welcome to the faith community, the family of God. Each part of the series focuses on a specific area in the preparation process. **St. Anthony Messenger Press.**

*Celebrating Sacraments*
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/cesa.html

Peg Bowman
DVD with the following run times for each segment: Confirmation 14 minutes -- Eucharist 13 minutes -- Reconciliation 14 minutes -- Baptism 17 minutes. **Twenty Third Publications.**

These four popular stories---all here on one DVD---have helped parents for decades to find ways to support their children as they prepare for sacraments. The scripts are realistic, true to what goes on in an average home, and the parents are real and reassuring. Each of these thorough and lively presentations give parents an opportunity to update their understanding of the Catholic faith and challenge them to walk the journey of faith with their child every day.

**One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism**
http://drvc-faith.mybigcommerce.com/one-lord-one-faith-one-baptism/

In this video, Fr. Nick Zientarski unpacks the true meaning of the Catholic sacrament of baptism. More than a one-time celebration, baptizing your child in the Catholic Church is a commitment to a new life of faith, prayer, and service for your whole family.

**Diocese of Rockville Center**

**Un solo Señor, una sola Fe, un solo Bautismo**

Únanse al Padre Fernando Echeverri y con él descubran el verdadero significado del sacramento del bautismo católico. Más que una celebración gozosa, el bautizar a su hijo/a es un compromiso a una nueva vida de fe, oración y servicio para toda su familia en la Iglesia Católica.

**Diocese of Rockville Center**

**Sacrament of Baptism: Past and Present**
http://store.pastoralplanning.com/kachonba.html
Kathleen Chesto

Viewers are led through the development and history of each sacrament, starting from Hebrew times to post-Vatican II. It offers an engaging presentation in language that is comprehensible and clear. Guide materials and the video presentation present Catholic adults with a better understanding of the valuable place of these sacraments in their lives today. For adult study groups, RCIA teams, and parish leaders. **Twenty Third Publications.**

**The Sacrament of Baptism: A Guide to this Celebration of New Life**
Fr. Thomas Scirghi introduces parents, godparents, and those involved in RCIA to the Sacrament of Baptism and its role in the Church today. Full of video examples of baptisms and insights from lay Catholics, Fr. Scirghi answers questions about baptism and walks through the “Five parts of the ritual of Baptism.” He explains what it means to “remember” our Baptism, and how, as Catholics, our Baptism carries us through until our death.

**Paraclete Press.**

**What Catholics Believe About Baptism: Revised DVD**
Catechesis for all parishioners about baptism using a "questions and answer" format. Includes a Presenter's Guide.. **Liguori Publications.**