Baptismal Catechesis

A. The Role of Parents

Parents have the primary responsibility for handing on the faith to their child.

The Prayer for Parents calls them *"the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do."*

As part of the Welcome, parents make the public statement that they accept the responsibility "*of training them in the practice of the faith."*

The rejection of sin and the acceptance of the faith is an essential part of the Sacrament. These promises are made by the parents. They bind themselves with their child. This means that parents are challenged to take stock of their lives, and to renew the commitments once made for them by their parents.