



On February 30, 2007, at Pilgrim Chapel, Kansas City, MO

**Precious Newborn Gift**  
Born on January 12, 2007, at Wilson City, MO  
daughter of **Jim and Jane Gift**  
and sister of **Tom Gift**, presenting the Family Medallion

**was Baptized**  
in the Christian rite of love and dedication  
with Tim and Mary Goodbody as godparents  
and the following family members and friends  
who joyfully sign below as honored witnesses.



**The Baptism of Precious Newborn Gift**

**WITNESSES**— With the language of generations, in the sacrament of affection, and in the sight of God, we seal, name one another to witness our life to our child. The Name we now present to this special vessel marks the light of love which has gathered us together.

**WITNESS**— All that love the child, name to Jesus and Father, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, the name of this child in love, and please the child among them. And let us say, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. . . . Whosoever receives in such a child in my name receives me." (Matthew 18:1-3)

**TO PARENTS**— From their betrothal, parents have brought forward their children for religious recognition to fully share with the presence of their child in this gift of life, and to share their joy with others. In each child there resides a personal delight and a promise unfolding with every sunrise, and in each

parent and necessarily there is a share in the responsibility. We welcome both the unfolding delight and the privilege of the responsibility. **PARENTS**, your responsibility is first and greatest. As you name your child to each other in freedom, love, and joyfully, will you ever endeavor that pledge to include your child and humanity's need for love? **PARENTS**, We say:

**TO GRANDPARENTS**— You have loved the child's growth, and should continue to love, because full spiritual responsibility for her care. **WE** tell you, as godparents, pledge your entire to faith in delight in love, and to share and to make this child's experience with the love, faith, and peace of religious trust? **GRANDPARENTS**, We say:

**TO UNCLE/AUNT**— We all have a part of this act, and a responsibility for all children. As we joyfully accept this one into our family, will you rededicate yourselves to generous concern and respect? **WE** tell you, by your freedom, love, ready, willing, and joyful, you present an example and path for the child's future? **WE** tell you, will you maintain love a family in which children may grow into

and, rich, and free lives?

**QUESTIONS**— We will

**TO CHILDREN**— Each of us in this

**WITNESS**— Each of us in this

**TO PARENTS**— From their

**TO GRANDPARENTS**— You

**TO UNCLE/AUNT**— We all

**TO GODPARENTS**— You

**TO WITNESSES**— With the

**TO ALL**— We all have a part

**TO THE CHILD**— Each of us

**TO THE FUTURE**— We all

**TO THE WORLD**— We all

**TO THE UNIVERSE**— We all

**TO THE GODS**— We all

**TO THE SPIRITS**— We all

**TO THE ANGELS**— We all

**TO THE SAINTS**— We all

**TO THE MARYS**— We all

**TO THE JOHNS**— We all

**TO THE PETERS**— We all

**TO THE PAULS**— We all

**TO THE PHILIPPS**— We all

**TO THE THOMAS**— We all

**TO THE JAMES**— We all

**TO THE JUDAS**— We all

**TO THE ISIDORE**— We all

**TO THE MALCOLM**— We all

**TO THE MARSHALL**— We all

**TO THE MATTHEW**— We all

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Presentations by Tom

of the Family Medallion (2)

through King James, for

adapted by including Precious's name

in the response, a basis for family

medallion. "Tom is stronger than

me," says, "and I'm not really

strong." — (1st Corinthians 4: 9a, 12b)

In recognition of this love and

the family nature of God's realm,

we present to Precious the Family

Medallion. With its three sacred

stones, the Family Medallion rep-

resents a strong bond of love, which

is a symbol for love that is greater

than a relationship of two people, a

love that reaches out to include

others. In the giving of this symbol,

we pledge to you, Precious, our

unending love and support.

**CLERGY PRESENTATION**— Precious,

you are a child of God, a gift to the

world, a treasure in the soul and

we are blessed to know. And

you remind us that we, too, are

God's children, unfolding with

you, with love and grace, with

almond and blossom, with silence

and voice, and with the

of the spirit.

As we depart, may you and we

see one another again, with

wisdom, thanksgiving, and praise.

May the way your eyes open and

close, hands reach, give, and

open, and sounds delight, touch

as some of the miracle of life we

alone and God's enduring grace.

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# Planning a Ceremony of Baptism, Child Blessing, Naming, or Dedication

*Congratulations on your child and your desire to give thanks and celebrate this gift!*

1. What is the date and time for the ceremony?
2. What is the child's full name?
3. When and where (city, state) was the child born?
4. What are the full names of the parents?
5. Will siblings be present? If so, what are their names and ages?
6. Who else may be present for the ceremony?
7. Will sponsors or godparents be selected? What is their relationship to the child?
8. Would you like this to be a specifically Christian baptism or use materials from other traditions?
9. Do you have readings to be part of the ceremony? Who will read them?
10. Do you plan to engage a photographer or will one of your guests take pictures?
11. If you have specific ideas for the ceremony, a ceremony from your own tradition, including what you'd like the rite to be called, please let me know, with any additional wishes — or if would like me to send you a sample service, let me know.
12. Normally I provide a Certificate, a rosebud, and a beeswax baptismal candle as mementos of the ceremony.

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