

Baptism and Confirmation

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- Promises



Baptism to Confirmation

- At confirmation, you will be asked to make a promise as to whether or not you reject sin and believe in God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Catholic Church. It will be important then, for you to really take some time to think about your own beliefs.

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- Describe Sin
- Describe God
- Describe Jesus
- Describe the Holy Spirit
- Describe the Catholic Church

Using another color write your ideas

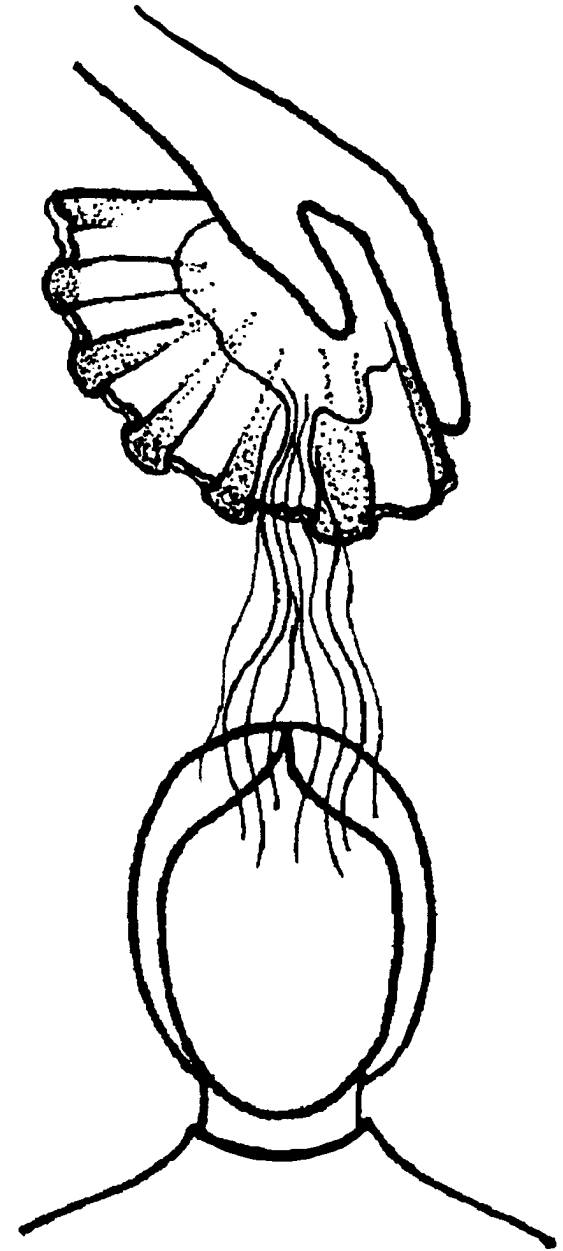
- What does Sacred Scripture have to say about this?



What is Baptism?

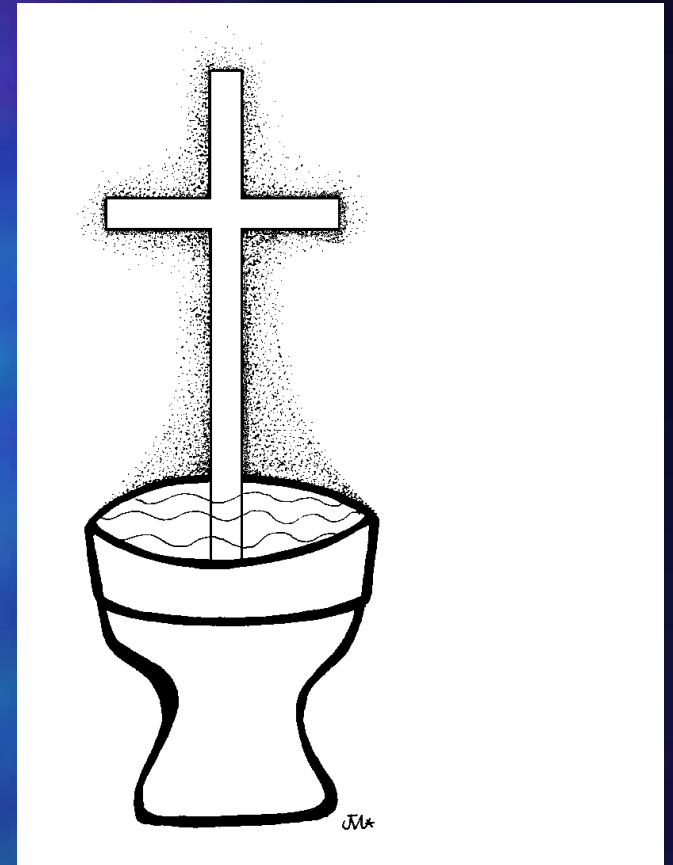
What is Baptism?

- The word Baptism comes from the Greek which literally means “to plunge or immerse.”



What is Baptism?

- The early church called it:
 - The water of rebirth
 - The washing of rebirth.
 - enlightenment



What is the history of Baptism?

- Baptism was limited to adults until the Edict of Tolerance (313)
- All three initiation sacraments were conferred at once at the Easter Vigil.
- When Christianity became legal, infant baptism became the norm.

What about a Post Vatican II church?

- Infant baptism changed character from a cleansing of original sin to an initiation ritual.
- Adults and children (anyone over seven), go through an initiation process lasting a year or more to prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.
- At Easter Vigil all three sacrament are conferred upon the Catechumens.

What about a Post Vatican II church?



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What is Infant Baptism?



- Children under seven are welcomed into the church through baptism.

Before it is celebrated?

- Before the baptism, parents (and godparents) go through an evening of formation.
- Just before the baptism, parents (and godparents) go to a “how to” session, and paperwork is assembled.

How is it celebrated?

- The presider asks what the parents are seeking
- The child is anointed with the sign of the cross and welcomed
- All listen to the word of God and a short homily.

How is it celebrated?

- All present are asked to reject evil and proclaim faith in God and in the church
- The presider blesses the water
- Family units are called to the font for the baptism

How is it celebrated?

- At the font the child is held over the font and the words

“I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

As the priest or deacon pours the water over the head of the child.

How is it celebrated?

- The action of pouring water or immersing an is entry into the new life of Christ which is the same as entry into the church.

How is it celebrated?

- The child is given a white garment and the light of Christ.
- All say the “Our Father”
- Dismissal

What is Adult Baptism or RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ?

- Anyone over seven who is seeking baptism goes through a process much like the early church required. At the end of the year long process they receive all the initiation sacraments at Easter Vigil.

Before it is celebrated?

■ Four Steps

- Pre Catechumenate
- Catechumenate
- Purification & Enlightenment
- Easter Vigil
- Mystagoigia

Before it is celebrated?

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- Pre Catechumenate (*flirting*)
- Catechumenate (*dating*)
- Purification & Enlightenment (*engagement*)
- Easter Vigil (*wedding*)
- Mystagoigia (*honeymoon*)

Before it is celebrated?

- The RCIA sessions are weekly
- Those preparing are asked to attend Mass and dismissal each week.
- The Catechumens and Candidates have a companion from the parish, their sponsor.

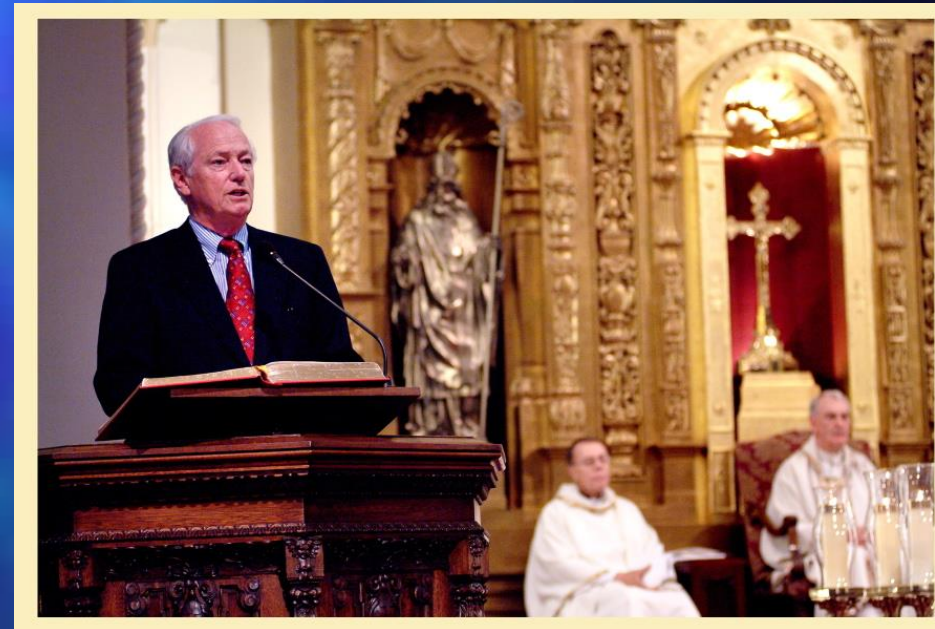
How is it celebrated

- At Easter Vigil
 - We gather at the fire and bring the light of Christ into the church.



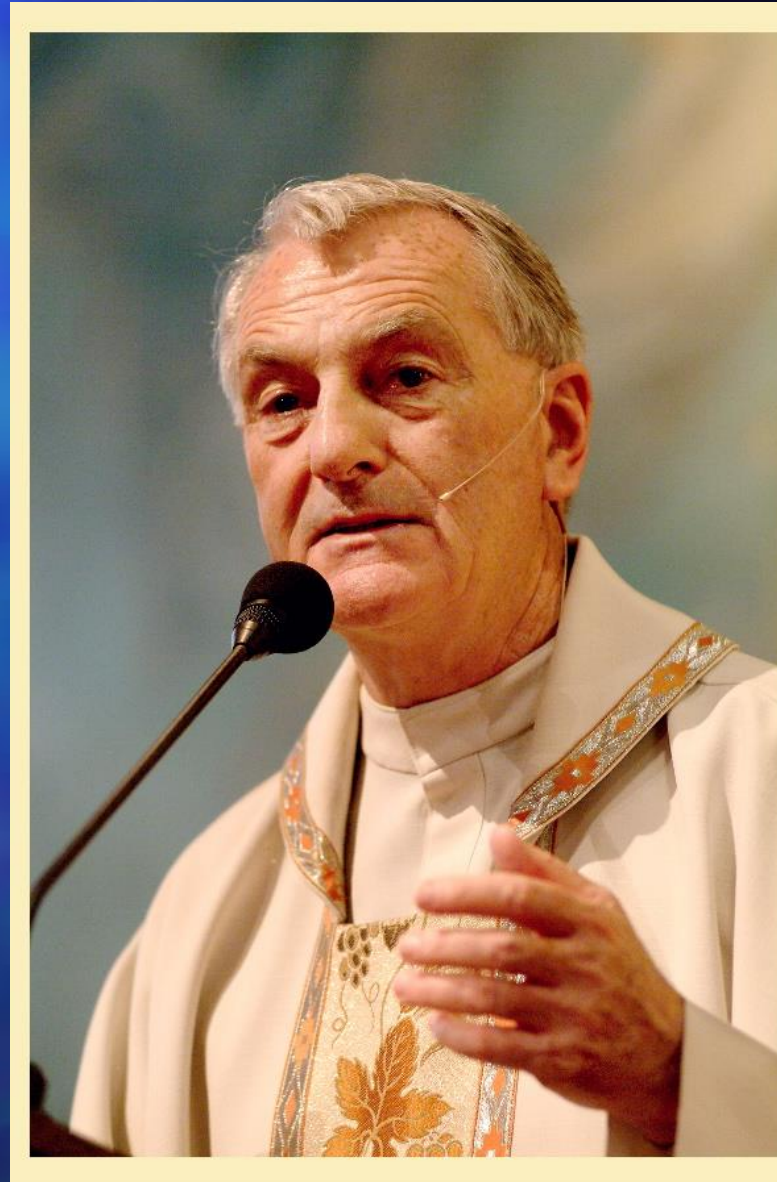
How is it celebrated

- We listen to our story told, (five to nine readings)



How is it celebrated

- We listen to the homily.



How is it celebrated

- Rejecting evil, and Professing our Faith in the Trinity and the church.



How is it celebrated

Baptism



How is it celebrated

- Confirmation



How is it celebrated

- First Eucharist



Unpacking the Symbols

- Water: cleansing, and death to old ways
- Oil: soothing, and making easy for movement, strength
- White garment: symbolically putting on Christ!
- Candle: Light of Christ

Results of Baptism

- We become God's adopted sons and daughters.
- The grace of the sacrament empowers to live as Jesus wanted us to live.
- We become the "Body of Christ"
- We become priest, prophet and king

Results of Baptism

- Baptism connects us to Christ and seals us with an indelible mark which identifies us as “Christian.”

Requirements

- Parents willing to aid the child in his/her religious education.
- Sponsor who are happy, confirmed Catholics in good standing in the church.
- For those in RCIA, a discernment process with the team and their sponsor.

One of your questions

- In the Apostles Creed it states Jesus descended into hell then goes to heaven. What does he do in hell before going to heaven?

One of your questions

- Why do some Christians call Catholic's Satanists?

Questions?



What is Confirmation?

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- “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and awe in the face of God”

Isaiah 11:2

What is the history of Confirmation?

- Once infant baptism became the norm, children were baptized soon after birth by a deacon or priest. As soon as the Bishop came to that area, he would confirm or seal the baptism.

What is the Preparation?

- Two Year Process
- Freshmen and Sophomores
- Gather for catechetical sessions, service projects, retreats, and regular worship.



How is it celebrated?

The bishop comes
once a year.

During the Easter
Season.



How is it celebrated?

After the homily,
the Bishop Lays
hands on the
candidates.

How is it celebrated?

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their Helper and Guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Rite of Confirmation, No 25

How is it celebrated?

Anointing:

*“Name, be sealed
with the gift of the
Holy Spirit”*

Amen

“Peace be with you”

Amen



What's Changed?

- Confirming or sealing baptism is emphasized
- The slap was replaced with an embrace.
- Any gender sponsor
- Keep baptismal name

Unpacking the Symbols

- **Chrism (perfumed oil):** soothing, and making easy for movement, healing, given to royalty.

Results of Confirmation

- Confirmation roots us more deeply in love, unites us more closely to Christ, increases in us the gifts of the Spirit, and binds us more tightly to the church.

Requirements

- At least a freshman in High School to begin process.
- Participation in a two year process.
- Sponsor who are happy, confirmed Catholics in good standing in the church.

Questions?

