

LESSON IV - BAPTISM

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Baptism makes us capable of receiving the other Sacraments of Initiation; Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist.

1. Baptism removes Original Sin, the sin of disobedience committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 3:1-13)
 - a. Catholics baptize (or Christen) infants to remove Original Sin.
 - b. Baptism of older children or adults provides forgiveness of sins committed up to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).
2. Baptism makes us adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. (Jesus is the only Begotten Son of God.)
3. Those that are baptized receive Sanctifying Grace.
4. Those that are baptized receive the promise of everlasting life.
5. Those that are baptized receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Parents of infants choose their names as well as their Godparents. (Children at the age of reason ((seven-years-old)) that have not been baptized should enroll in the RCIA program)

Godparents are to guide their Godchildren throughout their lives in the ways of the Catholic Church.

Water is the principle element of Baptism

John 3:1-9 Jesus and Nicodemus (Christ explains Baptism)

We are baptized because Jesus Christ was baptized - Matthew 3:13-17

The Great Commission

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

(Matthew 28:18-20)