

WHITE GARMENT



- The child has “put on Christ”
- Purity

SIGN OF THE CROSS ON CHILD'S FOREHEAD



- Sign of the cross is the mark of Christians because Jesus died on the cross
- Celebrant, parents and godparents are claiming the child for Christ

OIL OF CATECHUMENS



- Oil rubbed on the breast of baby as was done for warriors in ancient times symbolizing strength

WATER



- Cleansing and washing our sins away
- Dying and rising with Christ
 - The words are pronounced: “N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” and the water is poured over the child’s head as each of the three persons of the Holy Trinity is announced

SACRED CHRISM



- Signifies gifts of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized , who has become a Christian
- The child is “anointed” by the Holy Spirit, and incorporated into Christ who is anointed as
 - priest
 - prophet
 - and king
- The child is anointed to become like Christ as
 - Priest: to pray
 - Prophet: to stand up for the truth
 - and king: to share in The Kingdom of God with Jesus

EASTER CANDLE



- Christ is the light of the world

LIGHTING CANDLE FROM EASTER CANDLE



- Christ has enlightened the neophyte. In him the baptized are “the light of the world.” The newly baptized is now, in the only Son, a child of God entitled to say the prayer of the children of God, the Our Father
- The godparent is passing down the gift of faith