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1: Church Order - Canadian Reformed Churches

Baptism during the Easter Vigil The readings are taken from those assigned to the Easter Vigil, no. 41 ; Isaiah 55 (reading 5) and Ezekiel 36 (reading 7) may be chosen in addition to Exodus (reading 3).

Now as baptism has always been held as the door of the Church and the necessary condition for the reception of any other sacrament, it follows that the Apostles must have received Christian baptism before the Last Supper. This argument is used by St. Augustine Epistle 44 and certainly seems valid. To suppose that the first pastors of the Church received the other sacraments by dispensation, before they had received baptism, is an opinion with no foundation in Scripture or Tradition and devoid of verisimilitude. The Scriptures nowhere state that Christ Himself conferred baptism, but an ancient tradition Nicephorus, Hist. Matter and form of the sacrament Matter In all sacraments we treat of the matter and the form. It is also usual to distinguish the remote matter and the proximate matter. In the case of baptism, the remote matter is natural and true water. We shall consider this aspect of the question first. In addition to the authorities already cited, we may also mention the Fourth Council of the Lateran c. Such were the Gaians, Manichians, Seleucians, and Hermians. Some of the sixteenth century reformers, while accepting water as the ordinary matter of this sacrament, declared that when water could not be had, any liquid could be used in its place. It was in consequence of this teaching that certain of the Tridentine canons were framed. Calvin held that the water used in baptism was simply symbolic of the Blood of Christ Instit. As a rule, however, those sects which believe in baptism at the present time, recognize water as the necessary matter of the sacrament. Scripture is so positive in its statements as to the use of true and natural water for baptism that it is difficult to see why it should ever be called in question. Not only have we the explicit words of Christ John 3: Paul there are passages that preclude any metaphorical interpretation. Peter says "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized? See, here is water: Tertullian On Baptism 1 begins his treatise: Justin Martyr First Apology, Chapter 1 describes the ceremony of baptism and declares: Then they are led by us to where there is water. Augustine positively declares that there is no baptism without water Tractate 15 on the Gospel of John. The remote matter of baptism, then, is water, and this taken in its usual meaning. Theologians tell us consequently that what men would ordinarily declare water is valid baptismal material, whether it be water of the sea, or fountain, or well, or marsh; whether it be clear or turbid; fresh or salty; hot or cold; colored or uncolored. Water derived from melted ice, snow, or hail is also valid. If, however, ice, snow, or hail be not melted, they do not come under the designation water. Dew, sulfur or mineral water, and that which is derived from steam are also valid matter for this sacrament. As to a mixture of water and some other material, it is held as proper matter, provided the water certainly predominates and the mixture would still be called water. Invalid matter is every liquid that is not usually designated true water. Such are oil, saliva, wine, tears, milk, sweat, beer, soup, the juice of fruits, and any mixture containing water which men would no longer call water. When it is doubtful whether a liquid could really be called water, it is not permissible to use it for baptism except in case of absolute necessity when no certainly valid matter can be obtained. On the other hand, it is never allowable to baptize with an invalid liquid. It is true that a statement declaring wine to be valid matter of baptism is attributed to Pope Stephen II, but the document is void of all authority Labbe, Conc. Those who have held that "water" in the Gospel text is to be taken metaphorically, appeal to the words of the Precursor Matthew 3, "He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire". As "fire" must certainly be only a figure of speech here, so must "water" in the other texts. To this objection, it may be replied that the Christian Church, or at least the Apostles themselves, must have understood what was prescribed to be taken literally and what figuratively. The New Testament and church history prove that they never looked on fire as a material for baptism, while they certainly did require water. Outside of the insignificant sects of Seleucians and Hermians, not even heretics took the word "fire" in this text in its literal meaning. We may remark, however, that some of the Fathers, as St. They do not refer it, however, literally to baptism. That water alone is the necessary matter of this

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sacrament depends of course on the will of Him Who instituted it, although theologians discover many reasons why it should have been chosen in preference to other liquids. The most obvious of these is that water cleanses and purifies more perfectly than the others, and hence the symbolism is more natural. The very word "baptize", as we have seen, means a washing. Three forms of ablution have prevailed among Christians, and the Church holds them all to be valid because they fulfill the requisite signification of the baptismal laving. These forms are immersion, infusion, and aspersion. The most ancient form usually employed was unquestionably immersion. This is not only evident from the writings of the Fathers and the early rituals of both the Latin and Oriental Churches, but it can also be gathered from the Epistles of St. Paul, who speaks of baptism as a bath Ephesians 5: In the Latin Church, immersion seems to have prevailed until the twelfth century. After that time it is found in some places even as late as the sixteenth century. Infusion and aspersion, however, were growing common in the thirteenth century and gradually prevailed in the Western Church. He cites the authority of Goar for this statement. Although, as we have said, immersion was the form of baptism that generally prevailed in the early ages, it must not thereby be inferred that the other forms of infusion and aspersion were not also employed and held to be valid. In the case of the sick or dying, immersion was impossible and the sacrament was then conferred by one of the other forms. This was so well recognized that infusion or aspersion received the name of the baptism of the sick *baptismus clinicorum*. Cyprian Epistle 75 declares this form to be valid. From the canons of various early councils we know that candidates for Holy orders who had been baptized by this method seem to have been regarded as irregular, but this was on account of the culpable negligence supposed to be manifested in delaying baptism until sick or dying. That such persons, however, were not to be rebaptized is an evidence that the Church held their baptism to be valid. It is also pointed out that the circumstances under which St. Paul Acts 16 baptized his jailer and all his household seem to preclude the use of immersion. Moreover, the acts of the early martyrs frequently refer to baptizing in prisons where infusion or aspersion was certainly employed. By the present authorized ritual of the Latin Church, baptism must be performed by a laving of the head of the candidate. Moralists, however, state that in case of necessity, the baptism would probably be valid if the water were applied to any other principal part of the body, as the breast or shoulder. In this case, however, conditional baptism would have to be administered if the person survived. Such baptism is, however, later to be repeated conditionally, if the child survives its birth Lehmkuhl, n. It is to be noted that it is not sufficient for the water to merely touch the candidate; it must also flow, otherwise there would seem to be no real ablution. At best, such a baptism would be considered doubtful. If the water touches only the hair, the sacrament has probably been validly conferred, though in practice the safer course must be followed. If only the clothes of the person have received the aspersion, the baptism is undoubtedly void. The water to be employed in solemn baptism should also be consecrated for the purpose, but of this we shall treat in another section of this article. It is necessary in baptizing to make use of a threefold ablution in conferring this sacrament, by reason of the prescription of the Roman ritual. This necessarily refers, however, to the liceity, not to the validity of the ceremony, as St. The threefold immersion is unquestionably very ancient in the Church and apparently of Apostolic origin. It is mentioned by Tertullian De Corona 3, St. Basil On the Holy Spirit 27, St. Jerome Against the Luciferians 8, and many other early writers. Its object is, of course, to honor the three Persons of the Holy Trinity in whose name it is conferred. That this threefold ablution was not considered necessary to the validity of the sacrament, however, is plain. In the seventh century the Fourth Council of Toledo approved the use of a single ablution in baptism, as a protest against the false trinitarian theories of the Arians, who seem to have given to the threefold immersion a significance which made it imply three natures in the Holy Trinity. To insist on the unity and consubstantiality of the three Divine Persons, the Spanish Catholics adopted the single ablution and this method had the approval of Pope Gregory the Great Letters I. The Eunomian heretics used only one immersion and their baptism was held invalid by the First Council of Constantinople can. The authority of this canon is, moreover, doubtful at best. Form The requisite and sole valid form of baptism is: For the Latin usage: In addition we have the constant practice of the whole Western Church. The Latins also recognize as

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valid the form used by the Greeks: At one time some Western theologians disputed the Greek form , because they doubted the validity of the imperative or deprecatory formula: As a matter of fact, however, the Greeks use the indicative, or enuntiative, formula: This is unquestionable from their Euchologies, and from the testimony of Arcudius apud Cat. It is true that in the decree for the Armenians , Pope Eugene IV uses baptizetur, according to the ordinary version of this decree , but Labbe , in his edition of the Council of Florence seems to consider it a corrupt reading, for in the margin he prints baptizatur. It has been suggested by Goar that the resemblance between baptizetai and baptizetur is responsible for the mistake. The correct translation is, of course, baptizatur. In administering this sacrament it is absolutely necessary to use the word "baptize" or its equivalent Alex. Si quis, I, x, De Bapt. It has been the constant practice of both the Latin and Greek Churches to make use of words expressing the act performed. Paul Colossians 3 exhorts us to do all things in the name of God , and consequently an ablution could be performed in the name of the Trinity to obtain restoration of health. Therefore it is that in the form of this sacrament , the act of baptism must be expressed, and the matter and form be united to leave no doubt of the meaning of the ceremony.

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2: The Roman Missal and the Easter Vigil

The baptism ceremony is public and is usually held during the Easter Vigil service on the day before Easter. What is Adult Baptism? As in the baptism of infants, adult baptism is a sacrament -- sacred act -- involving the application of water to the head by a bishop, priest or minister of the Catholic Church.

There are other ceremonies practiced in some Baptist churches, and the most prominent of these will be briefly identified at the end of this sub-section. Yet, there are significant differences among Christians regarding the nature, significance, and mode of these two rites. Thus, before turning to a discussion of each of the rites, one needs to understand the Baptist view of ordinances. The Baptist tradition is among the Christian traditions that have a different understanding, often denoted by the term "ordinance. As such, the notion of an ordinance carries with it an emphasis on obedience--that is, Christians are to perform these acts because Jesus himself ordained or ordered them. Furthermore, the term ordinance is associated with a symbolic, rather than a sacramental, understanding of the nature of the rites. For Baptists, baptism and communion are not mystical rites through which the grace of God comes to human beings. Rather, they are expressions of grace that has already been received from God. And, while the grace is received by individual persons, testimony to this grace is to be made to and with other Christians; thus, these are rites to be celebrated with and by the Church. In recent years, some Baptists have begun to use the term "sacrament" and have developed a modified understanding of baptism and communion. Rather, they are blessings such as a refreshed or renewed spirit as the result of contemplating the life and work of Christ or as a result of a special time of fellowship with other Christians. As the name "Baptist" suggests, baptism is of central importance to this Christian tradition. However, that importance must be understood in context. The Baptist tradition did not emerge as a result of debates over baptism. Rather, the Baptist tradition emerged as a result over concerns with respect to the nature and character of the Church or churches. It was subsequent to and in conjunction with these concerns that the study of baptism and subsequent baptismal practices arose. Fundamental to the Baptist tradition is the belief that the Church consists exclusively of persons who have been spiritually born again through knowingly and intentionally entrusting themselves to Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Thus, everything possible should be done to see that the membership of local churches corresponds to this reality; that is, only genuinely, consciously born-again Christians are to be acknowledged as members of the local church. This understanding of the Church undergirds, both historically and theologically, the Baptist view of baptism. Baptism is the rite through which a person who has been spiritually born again testifies to this fact. The Church is for spiritually alive Christians only, and baptism is the testimony to and of individuals for whom this is a reality. Though the earliest Baptists did not baptize by immersion--that is, submersing the entire body--this came to be the practice, as the result of study of the New Testament, within two or three decades. Particular Baptists adopted baptism by immersion in the 1600s, and shortly thereafter General Baptists followed. Thus, baptism by immersion has been the essentially universal practice among Baptists since the mid-17th century. Immersion is thought to be consistent with the terminology and language of the New Testament, which associates baptism with "going down into" and "coming up out of" water Acts 8: Try our 3 most popular, or select from our huge collection of unique and thought-provoking newsletters. You can opt out of these offers at any time.

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3: Baptism - St Michael the Archangel - Houston, TX

The covenant of God shall be sealed unto the children of Christians by baptism, as soon as the administration thereof is feasible, in the public assembly when the Word of God is preached. Article 57 The ministers shall do their utmost to the end that the father present his child for baptism.

Mohel[edit] A mohel is a Jew trained in the practice of brit milah, the "covenant of circumcision. If the baby is born on Sunday before sunset, the Brit will be held the following Sunday. However, if the baby is born on Sunday night after sunset, the Brit is on the following Monday. The brit takes place on the eighth day following birth even if that day is Shabbat or a holiday. A brit is traditionally performed in the morning, but it may be performed any time during daylight hours. The Talmud explicitly instructs that a boy must not be circumcised if he had two brothers who died due to complications arising from their circumcisions, [12] and Maimonides says that this excluded paternal half-brothers. This may be due to a concern about hemophilia.

Adult circumcision[edit] In recent years, the circumcision of adult Jews who were not circumcised as infants has become more common than previously thought. The actual circumcision will be private, and other elements of the ceremony e. Anesthetic[edit] Most prominent acharonim rule that the mitzvah of brit milah lies in the pain it causes, and anesthetic, sedation, or ointment should generally not be used. In a letter to the editor published in The New York Times on January 3, , Rabbi Moshe David Tendler disagrees with the above and writes, "It is a biblical prohibition to cause anyone unnecessary pain". Rabbi Tendler recommends the use of an analgesic cream. This honor is usually given to a couple without children, as a merit or segula efficacious remedy that they should have children of their own. The origin of the term is Middle High German *gevater* e "godfather". At the birkat hamazon , additional introductory lines, known as *Nodeh Leshimcha*, are added. These lines praise God and request the permission of God, the Torah , Kohanim and distinguished people present to proceed with the grace. When the four main blessings are concluded, special ha-Rachaman prayers are recited. They request various blessings by God that include: Uncovering, *priah*[edit] Infant after brit At the neonatal stage, the inner preputial epithelium is still linked with the surface of the glans. This procedure is called *priah* Hebrew: The main goal of "priah" also known as "bris periah" , is to remove as much of the inner layer of the foreskin as possible and prevent the movement of the shaft skin, what creates the look and function of what is known as a "low and tight" circumcision. Thus, the writers of the dictionary hypothesize that the more severe method practiced today was probably begun in order to prevent the possibility of restoring the foreskin after circumcision, and therefore the rabbis added the requirement of cutting the foreskin in *periah*. Gender and Covenant in Judaism, pg 25, the Torah only commands circumcision milah. The scalpel is used to detach the foreskin, and the underlying blue bag is a sterilization pouch for the metal tools. The Talmud writes that a " Mohel Circumciser who does not suck creates a danger, and should be dismissed from practice". The process has the mohel place his mouth directly on the circumcision wound to draw blood away from the cut. The ritual of *metzitzah* is found in Mishnah Shabbat Rabbi Moses Sofer "â€" observed that the Talmud states that the rationale for this part of the ritual was hygienic "â€" i. The Chasam Sofer issued a leniency Heter that some consider to have been conditional to perform *metzitzah* with a sponge to be used instead of oral suction in a letter to his student, Rabbi Lazar Horowitz of Vienna. Wertheimer, the chief doctor of the Viennese General Hospital. It relates the story that a mohel who was suspected of transmitting herpes via *metzizah* to infants was checked several times and never found to have signs of the disease and that a ban was requested because of the "possibility of future infections". He also states *Yoreh Deah* that the practice is possibly a Sinaitic tradition, i. Rather, that responsa makes quite clear that "metzizah" was a health measure and should never be employed where there is a health risk to the infant. When he presented the defense in secular court, his testimony was erroneously recorded to mean that Sofer stated it as a general ruling. The Rabbinical Council of America , the largest group of Modern Orthodox rabbis, endorses this method. The *sefer Mitzvas Hametzitzah* [71] by Rabbi Sinai Schiffer of Baden,

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Germany, states that he is in possession of letters from 36 major Russian Lithuanian rabbis that categorically prohibit Metzitzah with a sponge and require it to be done orally. Berman, [78] [79] argued that the study on which the department passed its conclusions is flawed. In January the U. District court ruled that the law did not specifically target religion and therefore must not pass strict scrutiny. The ruling was appealed to the Court of Appeals. One ramification is that the brit is not considered complete unless a drop of blood is actually drawn. The standard medical methods of circumcision through constriction do not meet the requirements of the halakhah for brit milah, because they cause hemostasis, i. Moreover, circumcision alone, in the absence of the brit milah ceremony, does not fulfill the requirements of the mitzvah. Therefore, in cases where a Jew who was circumcised outside of a brit milah, an already-circumcised convert, or an aposthetic born without a foreskin individual, the mohel draws a symbolic drop of blood Hebrew: In Orthodox Judaism, this procedure is usually done by adoptive parents for adopted boys who are being converted as part of the adoption or by families with young children converting together. It is also required for adult converts who were not previously circumcised, e. The conversion of a minor is valid in both Orthodox and Conservative Judaism until a child reaches the age of majority 13 for a boy, 12 for a girl; at that time the child has the option of renouncing his conversion and Judaism, and the conversion will then be considered retroactively invalid. He must be informed of his right to renounce his conversion if he wishes. If he does not make such a statement, it is accepted that the boy is halakhically Jewish. Orthodox rabbis will generally not convert a non-Jewish child raised by a mother who has not converted to Judaism. This conversion of a child to Judaism without the conversion of the mother is allowed by Conservative interpretations of halakha. Conservative Rabbis will authorize it only under the condition that the child be raised as a Jew in a single-faith household. Should the mother convert, and if the boy has not yet reached his third birthday, the child may be immersed in the mikveh with the mother, after the mother has already immersed, to become Jewish. This can be done before the child is even one year old. If the child did not immerse in the mikveh, or the boy was too old, then the child may choose of their own accord to become Jewish at age 13 as a Bar Mitzvah, and complete the conversion then. The more common practice among Ashkenazic Jews follows Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, with naming occurring at immersion. Where the procedure was performed but not followed by immersion or other requirements of the conversion procedure e. Reasons for circumcision[edit] Nowadays it is generally assumed that Judaism adopted the practice of circumcision from neighboring cultures; their reasons for performing the act remain to be studied. He regards the foreskin an unneeded organ that God created in man, and so by amputating it, the man is completed. He also asserted that the main purpose of the act is to repress sexual pleasure, with the strongest reason being that it is difficult for a woman to separate from an uncircumcised man with whom she has had sex. To complete the form of man, by removing what he claims to be a redundant organ; To mark the chosen people, so that their bodies will be different as their souls are. The organ chosen for the mark is the one responsible for the sustenance of the species. The completion effected by circumcision is not congenital, but left to the man. This implies that as he completes the form of his body, so can he complete the form of his soul. Talmud professor Daniel Boyarin offered two explanations for circumcision. One is that it is a literal inscription on the Jewish body of the name of God in the form of the letter " yud " from "yesod". The second is that the act of bleeding represents a feminization of Jewish men, significant in the sense that the covenant represents a marriage between Jews and a symbolically male God. However, while prominent rabbis such as Abraham Geiger believed the ritual to be barbaric and outdated, they refrained from instituting any change in this matter. In , when a father in Frankfurt refused to circumcise his son, rabbis of all shades in Germany stated it was mandated by Jewish law; even Samuel Holdheim affirmed this. Although the issue of circumcision of converts continues to be debated, the necessity of Brit Milah for Jewish infant boys has been stressed in every subsequent Reform rabbis manual or guide. She goes on to advocate an alternate covenant ceremony, brit atifah, for both boys and girls as a welcoming ritual into Judaism. In most of Europe, both the government and the unlearned Jewish masses believed circumcision to be a rite akin to baptism, and the law allowed communities not to register uncircumcised children as Jewish. This legal maneuver spurred several

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debates addressing the advisability of its use, since many parents later chose to convert to Christianity. In early 20th-century Russia, Chaim Soloveitchik advised his colleagues to reject this measure, stating that uncircumcised Jewish males are no less Jewish than Jews who violate other commandments.

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4: CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Baptism

The Second Vatican Council also called for adults seeking baptism to be part of a formal process of preparation, or catechumenate, as was the case in the early church. A Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was therefore prepared after the Council, and an interim English edition published in

Reconciliation Times The Sacrament of Baptism The Sacraments of Christian Initiation lay the foundation for the entire Christian life, and the first of these is Baptism, which is the gateway to the life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the life of grace. Through Baptism we are made a new creation, and we become members of Christ and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Infant Baptism preparation years Old Prior to presenting their child for Baptism, parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation session. These sessions are valid for 3 years. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church offers a First-Time Parent Preparation Session and a Refresher Preparation Session, for parents who have taken a session previously, but not within the last 3 years. It is recommended that parents attend the preparation session in the 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy. The Refresher Preparation Session is offered on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, from 7: Registration is required prior to attending a session. In order to baptize their child at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, families must be registered parishioners or live within the parish boundaries. Baptism dates are available on a first come, first serve basis. If two are chosen, one must be male and one female. They must be a practicing Catholic, 16 years of age or older, and have received the three sacraments of initiation Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If married, their marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage and if single, not cohabitating. A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a Christian Witness along with a Catholic who will be the godparent. A Christian Witness must be baptized and practicing their faith in a non-Catholic, Christian denomination. However, they are welcome to attend the session with the parents. Infant Baptism Inquiry Form The maximum number of form submissions has been reached. This form is currently not available. Please enter valid data. Please enter a phone number. Please enter an email address. Family Address Please fill out this field. Please enter a zip code. Are you registered parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church? Is this your first child? Have you attended Infant Baptism Preparation before? If yes, please indicate date and location of attendance.

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5: Baptist - Rites and Ceremonies

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The bride and groom stand side-by-side in the front of the church. Signifying that unseen union, the bride and groom exchange rings. These bands of gold tell the world they are now married. They identify the couple as husband and wife. Baptism is like a wedding in this respect. It is a public declaration of unconditional devotion to a person—Jesus Christ. Like the wedding rings, baptism signifies our union with another. It is not a promise to be good for the rest of our lives. It is not a religious version of the Boy Scout pledge. Like marriage, it is a relational promise—a promise to give ourselves, body and soul, to Jesus. Baptism is the means by which disciples followers of Christ are publicly identified. Baptism was never intended to provide salvation for an individual faith is possible without it and salvation does not depend on it, but rather to publicly identify a person with Christ. Most importantly, baptism identifies the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A New Testament writer named Paul explains it this way: As he lives, I live. From this point on your life is in my hands. For students 5th grade and older interested in baptism, the Youth Ministry offers a class called Faith Basics a few times a year. Within the church, we dedicate the children of believers as a reflection of the fact that the children of a believing parent belongs to the Lord see 1 Cor. However, we recognize that many Christians view the baptism of infants as a valid practice, noting that the New Testament refers to the baptism of whole households, and, as early as the fourth century, it was the common practice of the church to baptize infants. While we do not practice infant baptism, we respect those who consider their baptism as infants as valid when followed by repentance and faith in Jesus. Baptism is for believers. A believer is someone who has realized that their sin separates them from God. They have given up all efforts to reach God through good works or religious activity. A believer is someone who has decided to trust Christ alone for their salvation. If you have come to that point in your spiritual journey, then the answer is yes, you are ready to be baptized. Just as the bride and groom tell of their love for one another through the symbol of rings, you can tell the world through baptism of your union with Christ. You can register for the next baptism by mail, fax, or email. Please register at least one week in advance of the baptism. You can register by sending an email to the church office, or faxing your information to Also, you can mail it to: Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor Attn: We also ask that you include a few paragraphs regarding your personal story see next section. Please indicate if we may read your story aloud at the baptism celebration. If this is true of you, please write a paragraph or two describing how and when you decided to trust Christ. Here are a few things that you can include: What was your contact with Christianity as a young person? What was your life like before you decided to trust Jesus? When and why did you decide to trust and follow Jesus? How has this decision made a difference in your life? Otherwise, we will simply introduce you. Thanks for taking this time to tell us your story! Also, you can call our office at to speak with a pastor about baptism. Wear the clothes to church that you want to get baptized in. Be sure to wear something you can get wet it women especially. The baptisms will happen after the sermon, before closing worship. After the baptism and the prayer ministry time, you can change in the restrooms.

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6: Lectionary for Mass - USA edition - Readings for Ritual Masses

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans). Going under water during baptism signifies Christ's death, and coming out of the water signifies his resurrection.

Pastoral work with regard to infant Baptism was greatly assisted by the promulgation of the new Ritual, prepared in accordance with the directives of the Second Vatican Council. Many parents are distressed to see their children abandoning the Faith and no longer receiving the sacraments, in spite of their own efforts to give them a Christian upbringing, and some pastors are asking themselves whether they should not be stricter before admitting infants to Baptism. Some think it better to delay the Baptism of children until the completion of a catechumenate of greater or less duration, while others are asking for a re-examination of the teaching on the necessity of Baptism, at least for infants, and wish the celebration of the sacrament to be put off until such an age when an individual can make a personal commitment, perhaps even until the beginning of adult life. However, this questioning of traditional sacramental pastoral practice cannot fail to raise in the Church justified fears of jeopardizing so essential a doctrine as that of the necessity of Baptism. In particular, many parents are scandalized at finding Baptism refused or delayed when, with full awareness of their duty, they request it for their children. In view of this situation and in response to the many petitions received, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in consultation with various Episcopal Conferences, has prepared the present Instruction. The document will then indicate some general guidelines for pastoral action. Both in the East and in the West the practice of baptizing infants is considered a rule of immemorial tradition. Origen, and later St. Augustine, considered it a "tradition received from the Apostles. Irenaeus, in particular, considers it a matter of course that the baptized should include "infants and small children" as well as adolescents, young adults and older people. Those of them who can speak for themselves should do so. The parents or someone of their family should speak for the others. Admittedly there was a certain decline in the practice of infant Baptism during the fourth century. At that time even adults postponed their Christian initiation out of apprehension about future sins and fear of public penance, and many parents put off the Baptism of their children for the same reasons. But it must also be noted that Fathers and Doctors such as Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Ambrose, John Chrysostom, Jerome and Augustine, who were themselves baptized as adults on account of this state of affairs, vigorously reacted against such negligence and begged adults not to postpone Baptism since it is necessary for salvation. Popes and Councils also often intervened to remind Christians of their duty to have their children baptized. At the close of the fourth century the ancient custom of baptizing children as well as adults "for the forgiveness of sins" was used against the teachings of Peladius. As Origen and St. Cyprian had noted, before St. This teaching was constantly reaffirmed and defended during the Middle Ages. In particular, the Council of Vienna in stressed that the sacrament of Baptism has for its effect, in the case of infants, not just the forgiveness of sins but also the granting of grace and the virtues. The various regional councils and synods held after the Council of Trent taught with equal firmness the necessity of baptizing children. Pope Paul VI also solemnly recalled the centuries-old teaching on this matter, declaring that "Baptism should be conferred even on infants who are yet unable to commit any sin personally, in order that, having been born without supernatural grace, they may be born again of water and the Holy Spirit to divine life in Christ Jesus. The texts of the Magisterium quoted above were chiefly concerned with refuting errors. They are far from exhausting the riches of the doctrine on Baptism expressed in the New Testament, the catechesis of the Fathers, and the teaching of the Doctors of the Church: This pressing and irrevocable call cannot leave us indifferent or neutral, since its acceptance is a condition for achieving our destiny. The Church must respond to the mission that Christ gave to the Apostles after His resurrection. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This is how the Church has understood her mission from the beginning, and not only with regard to adults. She has

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always understood the words of Jesus to Nicodemus to mean that "children should not be deprived of Baptism. Accordingly, she takes care not to neglect the mission that the Lord has given her of providing rebirth "of water and the Spirit" for all those who can be baptized. The fact that infants cannot yet profess personal faith does not prevent the Church from conferring this sacrament on them, since in reality it is in her own faith that she baptizes them. This point of doctrine was clearly defined by Saint Augustine: It is done by the whole of Mother Church which is in the saints, since it is as a whole that she gives birth to each and every one of them. Thomas Aquinas and all the theologians after him: It is in the light of the teaching recalled above that we must judge certain views which are expressed today about infant Baptism and which question its legitimacy as a general rule.

Link Between Baptism and Act of Faith Noting that in the New Testament writings Baptism follows the preaching of the Gospel, presupposes conversion and goes with a profession of faith, and furthermore that the effects of grace forgiveness of sins, justification, rebirth and sharing in divine life are generally linked with faith rather than with the sacrament,[28] some people propose that the order "preaching, faith, sacrament" should become the rule. Apart from cases of danger of death, they would apply this rule to children, and would institute an obligatory catechumenate for them. It is beyond doubt that the preaching of the Apostles was normally directed to adults, and the first to be baptized were people converted to the Christian Faith. As these facts are related in the books of the New Testament, they could give rise to the opinion that it is only the faith of adults that is considered in these texts. However, as was mentioned above, the practice of baptizing children rests on an immemorial tradition originating from the Apostles, the importance of which cannot be ignored; besides, Baptism is never administered without faith: Furthermore, in accordance with the teaching of the Council of Trent on the sacraments, Baptism is not just a sign of faith but also a cause of faith. It is also said that, since every grace is intended for a person, it should be consciously accepted and appropriated by the person who receives it, something that an infant is quite incapable of doing. But in reality the child is a person long before it can show it by acts of consciousness and freedom. As a person, the child is already capable of becoming, through the sacrament of Baptism, a child of God and a coheir with Christ. Some people also object that baptizing infants is a restriction of their freedom. They say that it is contrary to the dignity of the children as persons to impose on them future religious obligations that they may perhaps later be led to reject. In this view it would be better to confer the sacrament only at an age when free commitment has become possible; until then parents and teachers should restrain themselves and avoid exercising any pressure. Such an attitude is simply an illusion: Even on the natural level, parents make choices for their child that are essential for its life and for its orientation towards true values. They also forget that the New Testament presents entry into the Christian life not as a form of slavery or constraint but as admittance to true freedom. Although its parents may be hurt as a result, they should not reproach themselves for having had the child baptized and giving it a Christian upbringing as was their right and their duty.

Baptism in the Present Sociological Situation The Church is well aware that she must take the social reality into account. But the criteria of homogeneity and pluralism are merely pointers and cannot be set up as normative principles; they are inadequate for settling a strictly religious question, which by its nature is a matter for the Church and the Christian family. While the criterion of the homogeneous society would legitimate infant Baptism if the society is Christian, it would also lead one to consider it as illegitimate when Christian families are in a minority, whether within an ethnic group that is still predominantly pagan or in a militantly atheistic regime. This obviously cannot be admitted. The criterion of the pluralistic society is no more valid than the preceding criterion, since in this type of society the family and the Church can act freely and accordingly provide a Christian education. Besides, a study of history clearly shows that if these "sociological" criteria had been applied in the first centuries of the Church they would have paralyzed all her missionary expansion. It is worth adding that all too often pluralism is being invoked in a paradoxical way, in order to impose on the faithful behavior patterns that in reality are an obstacle to the exercise of their Christian freedom. In spite of being intermingled with human society and in spite of being made up of different nationalities and cultures, the People of God has its own identity, characterized by unity of faith and

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sacraments. Animated as it is by a single spirit and a single hope, it is an organic whole, capable of producing within the various groups of humanity the structures necessary for its growth. Infant Baptism and Sacramental Pastoral Practice A final criticism of infant Baptism would have it that the practice comes from a pastoral usage lacking missionary impetus and concerned more with administering a sacrament than with stirring up faith and fostering commitment to spreading the Gospel. It is asserted that, by retaining infant Baptism, the Church is yielding to the temptation of numbers and social establishment, and that she is encouraging the maintenance of a magical concept of the sacraments, while she really ought to engage in missionary activity, bring the faith of Christians to maturity, foster their free conscious commitment, and consequently admit a number of stages in her sacramental pastoral practice. With regard to preoccupation with numbers, if this preoccupation is properly understood it is not a temptation or an evil for the Church but a duty and a blessing. The Church, described by St. Accordingly, she cannot fail to wish to give to everyone, children no less than adults, the first and basic sacrament of Baptism. We love, because he first loved us. While certain suggestions being put forward today cannot be accepted—suggestions such as the definitive abandonment of infant Baptism and freedom to choose, whatever the reasons, between immediate Baptism and deferred Baptism—one cannot deny the need for a pastoral effort pursued in greater depth and renewed in certain aspects. It is appropriate to indicate the principles and fundamental guidelines at this point. The Principles of This Pastoral Practice In the first place, it is important to recall that the Baptism of infants must be considered a serious duty. The questions which it poses to pastors can be settled only by faithful attention to the teaching and constant practice of the Church. Concretely, pastoral practice regarding infant Baptism must be governed by two great principles, the second of which is subordinate to the first. Considered in itself, the gift of these blessings to infants must not be delayed. But if these assurances are not really serious there can be grounds for delaying the sacrament; and if they are certainly non-existent the sacrament should even be refused. Dialogue Between Pastors and Believing Families On the basis of these two principles, concrete cases will be examined in a pastoral dialogue between the priest and the family. The rules for dialogue with parents who are practicing Christians are given in the Introduction to the Ritual. It is sufficient to recall here two of the more significant points. In the first place, much importance is given to the presence and active participation of the parents in the celebration. Secondly, preparation for the Baptism has an important place. The parents must give thought to the Baptism; they should inform their pastors of the coming birth and prepare themselves spiritually. The pastors, for their part, will visit the families or gather them together and give them catechesis and appropriate advice. They will also urge the families to pray for the children that they are expecting. Then, as long as they do not interfere with the greater good of the child, there are pastoral considerations such as allowing sufficient time to prepare the parents and for planning the actual celebration to bring out its paschal character. It sometimes happens that pastors are approached by parents who have little faith and practice their religion only occasionally, or even by non-Christian parents who request Baptism for their children for reasons that deserve consideration. In fact the Church can only accede to the desire of these parents if they give an assurance that, once the child is baptized, it will be given the benefit of the Christian upbringing required by the sacrament. The Church must have a well-founded hope that the Baptism will bear fruit. If on the other hand they are insufficient, it will be prudent to delay Baptism. However the pastors should keep in contact with the parents so as to secure, if possible, the conditions required on their part for the celebration of the sacrament. If even this solution fails, it can be suggested, as a last recourse, that the child be enrolled in a catechumenate to be given when the child reaches school age. These rules have already been made, and are already in force,[41] but they require some clarifications. In the first place it must be clear that the refusal of Baptism is not a means of exercising pressure. Nor can one speak of refusal, still less of discrimination, but rather of educational delay, according to individual cases, aimed at helping the family to grow in faith or to become more aware of its responsibilities. With regard to the assurances, any pledge giving a well-founded hope for the Christian upbringing of the children deserves to be considered as sufficient.

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7: New Life Community Church » Adult Baptism at New Life Church

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist.

Excavated mikveh in Qumran , Israel Baptism has similarities to Tvilah , a Jewish purification ritual of immersing in water, which is required for, among other things, conversion to Judaism , [38] but which differs in being repeatable, while baptism is to be performed only once. John the Baptist , who is considered a forerunner to Christianity, used baptism as the central sacrament of his messianic movement. Likewise, Tertullian AD 200 allowed for varying approaches to baptism even if those practices did not conform to biblical or traditional mandates cf. De corona militis 3; De baptismo AD 200 explicitly stated that the amount of water was inconsequential and defended immersion, affusion, and aspersion practices Epistle As a result, there was no uniform or consistent mode of baptism in the ancient church prior to the fourth century. Mode and manner[edit] Baptism is practiced in several different ways. Aspersion is the sprinkling of water on the head, and affusion is the pouring of water over the head. In relation to baptism, some use it to refer to any form of dipping, whether the body is put completely under water or is only partly dipped in water; they thus speak of immersion as being either total or partial. Others, of the Anabaptist belief, use "immersion" to mean exclusively plunging someone entirely under the surface of the water. When "immersion" is used in opposition to "submersion", [62] it indicates the form of baptism in which the candidate stands or kneels in water and water is poured over the upper part of the body. Immersion in this sense has been employed in West and East since at least the 2nd century and is the form in which baptism is generally depicted in early Christian art. In the West, this method of baptism began to be replaced by affusion baptism from around the 8th century, but it continues in use in Eastern Christianity. Submersion is practiced in the Orthodox and several other Eastern Churches. It is seen as obligatory among some groups that have arisen since the Protestant Reformation , such as Baptists Meaning of the Greek verb baptizein[edit] The Greek-English Lexicon of Liddell and Scott gives the primary meaning of the verb baptizein, from which the English verb "baptize" is derived, as "dip, plunge", and gives examples of plunging a sword into a throat or an embryo and for drawing wine by dipping a cup in the bowl; for New Testament usage it gives two meanings: The first is Luke 22:7-11. Zodiares concludes that the washing of the hands was done by immersing them. Deaconesses helped female candidates for reasons of modesty. Do you not know, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death? As soon, then, as you entered, you put off your tunic; and this was an image of putting off the old man with his deeds. For since the adverse powers made their lair in your members, you may no longer wear that old garment; I do not at all mean this visible one, but the old man, which waxes corrupt in the lusts of deceit. You were naked in the sight of all, and were not ashamed; for truly ye bore the likeness of the first-formed Adam, who was naked in the garden, and was not ashamed. Then, when you were stripped, you were anointed with exorcised oil, from the very hairs of your head to your feet, and were made partakers of the good olive-tree, Jesus Christ. After these things, you were led to the holy pool of Divine Baptism, as Christ was carried from the Cross to the Sepulchre which is before our eyes. And each of you was asked, whether he believed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and you made that saving confession, and descended three times into the water, and ascended again; here also hinting by a symbol at the three days burial of Christ And at the self-same moment you were both dying and being born; [] The symbolism is threefold: For nothing perceivable was handed over to us by Jesus; but with perceivable things, all of them however conceivable. This is also the way with the baptism; the gift of the water is done with a perceivable thing, but the things being conducted, i. For, if you were without a body, He would hand over these bodiless gifts as naked [gifts] to you. But because the soul is closely linked to the body, He hands over the perceivable ones to you with conceivable things. The removal of clothing represented the "image of putting off the old man with his deeds" as per Cyril, above , so the stripping of the body before for baptism

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represented taking off the trappings of sinful self, so that the "new man", which is given by Jesus, can be put on. Long laced gown worn at a typical Lutheran baptism in Sweden in 3. Cyril again asserts above, as Adam and Eve in scripture were naked, innocent and unashamed in the Garden of Eden, nakedness during baptism was seen as a renewal of that innocence and state of original sinlessness. Other parallels can also be drawn, such as between the exposed condition of Christ during His crucifixion, and the crucifixion of the "old man" of the repentant sinner in preparation for baptism. Changing customs and concerns regarding modesty probably contributed to the practice of permitting or requiring the baptismal candidate to either retain their undergarments as in many Renaissance paintings of baptism such as those by da Vinci, Tintoretto, Van Scorel, Masaccio, de Wit and others or to wear, as is almost universally the practice today, baptismal robes. These robes are most often white, symbolizing purity. Some groups today allow any suitable clothes to be worn, such as trousers and a T-shirt—practical considerations include how easily the clothes will dry denim is discouraged, and whether they will become see-through when wet. Meaning and effects[edit] Baptism of Augustine of Hippo as represented in a sculptural group in Troyes cathedral There are differences in views about the effect of baptism for a Christian. Some Christian groups assert baptism is a requirement for salvation and a sacrament, and speak of "baptismal regeneration". Its importance is related to their interpretation of the meaning of the "Mystical Body of Christ" as found in the New Testament. This view is shared by the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox denominations, and by Churches formed early during the Protestant Reformation such as Lutheran and Anglican. For example, Martin Luther said: To put it most simply, the power, effect, benefit, fruit, and purpose of Baptism is to save. No one is baptized in order to become a prince, but as the words say, to "be saved". To be saved, we know, is nothing else than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil and to enter into the kingdom of Christ and live with him forever. For Roman Catholics, baptism by water is a sacrament of initiation into the life of the children of God Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶ The Catholic holds that there are three types of baptism by which one can be saved: Through the waters of Baptism those who are born into this world dead in sin are not only born again and made members of the Church, but being stamped with a spiritual seal they become able and fit to receive the other Sacraments. And therefore if a man refuse to hear the Church let him be considered—so the Lord commands—as a heathen and a publican. It follows that those who are divided in faith or government cannot be living in the unity of such a Body, nor can they be living the life of its one Divine Spirit. Reformed and Methodist Protestants maintain a link between baptism and regeneration, but insist that it is not automatic or mechanical, and that regeneration may occur at a different time than baptism. Baptism is not a human work; it is the place where God does the work that only God can do. This particular font was expanded in to include a small pool to provide for immersion baptism of adults. The liturgy of baptism for Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist makes clear reference to baptism as not only a symbolic burial and resurrection, but an actual supernatural transformation, one that draws parallels to the experience of Noah and the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea divided by Moses. Thus, baptism is literally and symbolically not only cleansing, but also dying and rising again with Christ. Catholics believe baptism is necessary to cleanse the taint of original sin, and so commonly baptise infants. In these denominations, baptism is immediately followed by Chrismation and Communion at the next Divine Liturgy, regardless of age. Orthodox likewise believe that baptism removes what they call the ancestral sin of Adam. Most Methodists and Anglicans agree that it also cleanses the taint of what in the West is called original sin, in the East ancestral sin. Baptism Jar, used in Portuguese Ceylon. Eastern Orthodox Christians usually insist on complete threefold immersion as both a symbol of death and rebirth into Christ, and as a washing away of sin. Latin Church Catholics generally baptize by affusion pouring; Eastern Catholics usually by submersion, or at least partial immersion. However, submersion is gaining in popularity within the Latin Catholic Church. In newer church sanctuaries, the baptismal font may be designed to expressly allow for baptism by immersion. According to evidence which can be traced back to at latest about the year, [] sponsors or godparents are present at baptism and vow to uphold the Christian education and life of the baptized. They interpret some Biblical passages concerning

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baptism as requiring submersion of the body in water. They also state that only submersion reflects the symbolic significance of being "buried" and "raised" with Christ. However, they do not believe that baptism is necessary for salvation; but rather that it is an act of Christian obedience. The preface of the document states: Those who know how widely the churches have differed in doctrine and practice on baptism, Eucharist and ministry, will appreciate the importance of the large measure of agreement registered here. That theologians of such widely different denominations should be able to speak so harmoniously about baptism, Eucharist and ministry is unprecedented in the modern ecumenical movement. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that the Commission also includes among its full members theologians of the Catholic and other churches which do not belong to the World Council of Churches itself. The Ecumenical Implications of Our Common Baptism, gave the views of a commission of experts brought together under the aegis of the World Council of Churches. The vast majority of Christian denominations admit the theological idea that baptism is a sacrament, that has actual spiritual, holy and salvific effects. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the use of the verb "baptize" is essential. A baptism in which some liquid that would not usually be called water, such as wine, milk, soup or fruit juice was used would not be considered valid. This requirement entails merely the intention "to do what the Church does", [] not necessarily to have Christian faith, since it is not the person baptizing, but the Holy Spirit working through the sacrament, who produces the effects of the sacrament. Doubt about the faith of the baptizer is thus no ground for doubt about the validity of the baptism. However, if water is sprinkled, there is a danger that the water may not touch the skin of the unbaptized. As has been stated, "it is not sufficient for the water to merely touch the candidate; it must also flow, otherwise there would seem to be no real ablution. At best, such a baptism would be considered doubtful. If the water touches only the hair, the sacrament has probably been validly conferred, though in practice the safer course must be followed. If only the clothes of the person have received the aspersion, the baptism is undoubtedly void. This teaching was affirmed against the Donatists who practiced rebaptism. The grace received in baptism is believed to operate ex opere operato and is therefore considered valid even if administered in heretical or schismatic groups. It is only possible to be baptized once, thus people with valid baptisms from other denominations may not be baptized again upon conversion or transfer. For Roman Catholics, this is affirmed in the Canon Law, in which it is written that "[e]very person not yet baptized and only such a person is capable of baptism. Specifically, "Methodist theologians argued that since God never abrogated a covenant made and sealed with proper intentionality, rebaptism was never an option, unless the original baptism had been defective by not having been made in the name of the Trinity. In the case of the major Protestant Churches, agreements involving assurances about the manner in which they administer baptism has ended this practice, which sometimes continues for other groups of Protestants. The Catholic Church has always recognized the validity of baptism in the Churches of Eastern Christianity, but it has explicitly denied the validity of the baptism conferred in the LDS Church. However, generally baptisms performed in the name of the Holy Trinity are accepted by the Orthodox Christian Church. If a convert has not received the sacrament mysterion of baptism, he or she must be baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity before they may enter into communion with the Orthodox Church. If he has been baptized in another Christian confession other than Orthodox Christianity his previous baptism is considered retroactively filled with grace by chrismation or, in rare circumstances, confession of faith.

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8: Catholic Baptism Ceremony for Adults | Synonym

The two primary rites of the Baptist tradition are baptism and communion, or the Lord's Supper. There are other ceremonies practiced in some Baptist churches, and the most prominent of these will.

The 4th century Mystagogical Catechesis of Cyril of Jerusalem gives a detailed description of baptismal exorcism, from which it appears that anointing with exorcised oil formed a part of this exorcism in the East. Authors such as Eusebius 3rd century and Augustine 4th century provide further details of these minor exorcisms, prayers and ceremonies performed over adults preparing for baptism. Eusebius mentions the imposition of hands and prayer. Among the Latins, and especially at Rome, breathing accompanied with a form of exorcism and placing in the mouth a little exorcised salt, was employed in addition to the signing with the cross and the imposition of hands. Mostly those in the minor order of exorcist performed the ceremony of exorcism, then a priest signed the catechumens with the cross and laid hands upon them. The final ceremony took place on Holy Saturday, when the priest himself performed the ceremony of exorcism. Anglicanism[edit] Today, in some provinces of the Anglican Communion, the "Anglican liturgy does not involve an explicit exorcism or rejection of evil, but does including a signing with the cross and the wish that baptism delivers one from "the powers of darkness. It was left open to the Catholic bishops of individual countries to petition the Vatican to establish a ministry of exorcist if it seemed useful in that nation. As part of the wider reforms of the Second Vatican Council, all Catholic liturgical books were updated, including the rites for the baptism of adults and of children. The revised rites retained prayers designated minor exorcisms, for use during or before the ceremony of baptism itself. These would be performed as a routine part of the normal preparation for Christian baptism. In, an English translation was released of the Rite of Baptism for Children later amended. This was located in the rite immediately following prayers for the child and a Litany of the Saints, and was immediately followed by an anointing with the oil of catechumens. The Second Vatican Council also called [18] for adults seeking baptism to be part of a formal process of preparation, or catechumenate, as was the case in the early church. A Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was therefore prepared after the Council, and an interim English edition published in. A revised and expanded version for the USA was published in. In addition to these exorcisms, the Rite for Adults includes three ceremonies called scrutinies, to be celebrated as integral parts of the Sunday Eucharist on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Each scrutiny contain a prayer of exorcism reserved to the deacon or priest. There is also a simplified set of prayers provided for use with children mature enough to be personally catechised. Both texts use the image of entering the light of Christ, turning respectively from "darkness" and from "whatever could make them bad". Although it notes that a careful distinction must be made between the exorcisms of catechumens and this penitential rite for baptised adults, one possible prayer over the candidates prays that the candidates may "be freed of Rather than inviting the devil into one by ignoring his presence in all the unbaptized, the Church proclaims boldly his overthrow James 4: And, the Good News that one dies with Christ, and rises to new life in Him with the Water and the Word, brings us comfort in our battles with our defeated enemies Romans 6:

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9: Brit milah - Wikipedia

But even in the most primitive ages of the Christian church the custom prevailed of adding certain prayers and ceremonies at the public administration of baptism, in addition to what Christ himself ordained, which are adapted to make clearer to us the meaning and importance of this act.

Some of the ceremonies baptize through total submersion in water, some do a partial immersion, others a "sprinkling" of water over the head or forehead. Some denominations require you to be baptized to become a member of their church, some even believe that baptism is required for salvation. That salvation is given only through the grace of God, and water baptism, or any other act, is not a requirement for the gift of eternal life. There are several references in the Bible to baptism, not all refer to water baptisms - John the Baptist baptized people in water, in the river Jordan. He proclaimed "I baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. So, in the Bible, the word "Baptism", does not always refer to a water Baptism ceremony, though that is the most common use of the term today. I found this summary on Yahoo Questions which nets out the intention of the water baptism. In Christian baptism, the action of being immersed in the water pictures being buried with Christ. I thank God that He knows our hearts, that He knows our intention through these ceremonies is to simply but profoundly dedicate ourselves and our children to Him. In religious practice, I have found that it is only in the Catholic church that a Baptism is sometimes referred to as a Christening and often the terms are used interchangeably. I have found in my research, many writings that state that the Christening is part of the baptism ceremony in the Roman Catholic Church. In an effort to fully understand if there is such an event called a Christening as part of the Roman Catholic Church or as part of their "Sacrament or Rite of Baptism", I found and read the Vatican archives, which gives a wealth of information on their definition of Baptism, the various names that the Catholic Church uses to refer to their Baptism, their beliefs regarding the requirement of being Baptized in the Catholic Church, etc. Not in reference to the ceremony itself or any part or section of the ceremony. Based on this research, I must conclude that there is no actual "Christening" ceremony or Sacrament in the Catholic church. I did not find any reference to Christenings for any other religious denomination. I have found in the very beginning of the ceremony - called The Reception of the Child - that the priest asks the parents "What name have you given your child? I believe then, that there is no actual, church recognized, formal, event or ceremony known as a "Christening". I believe that over the years, it has become accepted in some Catholic churches to interchangeably use the word "Christening" to refer to the very formal "Catholic Rite of Baptism" which is one of the Seven Sacraments, in fact it is the First Sacrament of Christian Initiation. The Catholic Church however, cares very deeply that a Catholic is baptized! Preferably as an infant in case they die before getting baptized, but if a Catholic is not baptized as an infant, they absolutely can be baptized as an adult. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. Please check back as we finish I just wanted to post what we have so far! We will be adding definitions and research on the following additional ceremonies Find a design you love and we can create for you in a card style that fits your budget!

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