

Baptized into Christ

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 8**.

Baptism is a call to new birth and life—life in the Holy Spirit. Baptism is necessary for Salvation and welcomes us into the Church.

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Water is the main sign of Baptism. In the celebration of Baptism, a person is immersed in water, which symbolizes dying in sin and rising to a new life in Christ. A white garment symbolizes that the person is a new creation, now clothed in Christ.

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Through Baptism a person receives forgiveness from Original Sin as well as personal sins. Baptism seals the person with a permanent spiritual mark.

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The process of becoming a new Church member is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

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Stewardship calls Catholics to share their time, money, goods, and talents to contribute to God's kingdom on earth.

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The flame of the Easter candle, also known as the Paschal Candle, represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

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After Jesus ascended into Heaven, the disciples heard a strong wind as the Holy Spirit came upon them. People gathered to listen and heard the disciples speaking. When Peter began to preach, he told people to repent and be baptized.

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Saint Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He baptized more than 40,000 people.

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