

Baptism and Confirmation Small Group Activity

Using the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults and your Bible, work together to answer the question(s) assigned to your table. Select one person from your table to present a 2-3 minute presentation of your answer to the larger group.

Table	Question/Notes
1	<p>Why do we baptize infants? What happens to born and unborn children who die before Baptism? (Chapter 15, pg 189 & 191)</p> <p>Who receives the Baptism of Blood/Baptism of Desire? (Chapter 15, pg. 192)</p>
2	<p>What are the effects of Baptism? (Chapter 15, pg. 192-195)</p>
3	<p>What is the basic Rite of Baptism and the signs and symbols associated with this rite? (Chapter 15, pg. 184 - 187)</p>

4	What is the basic liturgy of Confirmation? What are the signs, who is involved, etc.? (Chapter 16, pg. 204-205)
5	What are the effects of Confirmation? (Chapter 16, pg. 207)
6	What are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit? (Chapter 16, pg. 207-209)

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Small Group Discussion

1. St. Paul tells us that in Baptism we die and rise with Christ. Why is it necessary to remember the “dying” part? If you were to do a survey of what Baptism means to people, what answers do you think you would hear?
2. What differences do you see between some “cradle Catholics” and those who have entered the Church through the Becoming Catholic (RCIA) process? What are the responsibilities of godparents in looking after the growth of faith of the baptized they sponsor?
3. How are the healing and cleansing qualities of anointing with oil symbols of what happens in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation?
4. What are the consequences of deeper identification with the mission of the Church that comes from Confirmation?