

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies the Sacraments of Initiation and the steps of the RCIA process, and explains that through the Seven Sacraments God shares his divine life.

Scripture



Read **Romans 6:3–5** to find out what Saint Paul wrote about Baptism.

Catholics Believe

- Through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—we enter into a relationship with Christ and celebrate membership in the Catholic Church.
- Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and deepens the grace of Baptism.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1212, 1213, 1229–1233, 1316, 1391 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, who is known for instructing catechumens preparing for Baptism.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Sacraments of Initiation

Most children this age do not remember their Baptism because it happened when they were babies. Because of this, they might miss the idea of conversion as applied to Christian Initiation. It is helpful for them to know the promises their parents made when they were baptized and how they can choose to “live out” their Baptism as children of God.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How would you fill in this blank?
_____ changed everything.

We can all think of a life-changing event or two in our lives. Spiritual conversion is truly life-changing. It is a turning away from sin and moving toward deeper union with God. As Catholics, we know that “sin harms our relationship with God, and damages our communion with the Church. Conversion of heart is the beginning of our journey back to God. ...Conversion must involve a change of heart as well as a change of actions” (*USCCA, p. 237*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the three Sacraments of Initiation.
- Share a story about the Sacrament of Baptism in your family.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, bless all those who are getting ready to become Catholic and all who want to be baptized. Amen.



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