

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter describes the Paschal Mystery and explains how each of the Seven Sacraments celebrates Christ's work of redemption and new life.

Scripture



Read **Revelation 21:3–6** to find out about the hope of eternal life.

Catholics Believe

- Through his sacrifice, Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the human race.
- Through the Sacraments, Christ unites his followers to his Paschal Mystery—Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

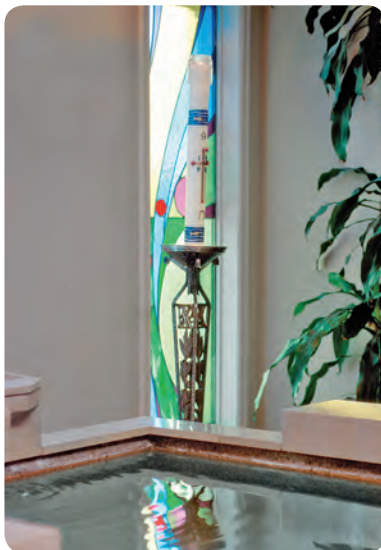
To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #515, 571, 618, 628, 654, 655, 1010, 1067, 1076 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Paul Miki, a sixteenth-century Japanese convert and martyr who was crucified for his faith.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand New Life As Catholics, we are intimately connected with the Paschal Mystery. Baptized into Jesus' Death and reborn as sons and daughters of God, we are often able to see our own lives as a series of endings and new beginnings. Children at this age will be less able to make this abstract connection between the Paschal Mystery and their own lives, partly due to their limited life experience and partly due to their concrete style of thinking. However, spending some time in reflection on this mystery helps to lay the foundations for finding greater meaning in the endings and beginnings of life.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever looked into a newborn child's eyes and wondered at the possibilities?

It is the wonder of possibility that makes everyone want to gaze at the face of an infant. Yet, nothing in our life offers more possibility of new life than Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection. We call this the Paschal Mystery. Death is not the end but the beginning of life forever with God. As Catholics, we know that "above all it is in the Paschal Mystery... that we participate most profoundly in the mystery of Christ... In Christ we die to self and sin. We rise to participate in his divine life through the Resurrection" (*USCCA, p. 80*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain how Blessed Mother Teresa joined her life to Christ's in the Paschal Mystery.
- Read together Luke's account of the Resurrection, in Luke 24:1–12.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Paul Miki, pray for us that we may always be willing to talk about Jesus and to forgive those who hurt us. Amen.



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