

Pope Francis, Address to the Irish Bishops, Dublin, 26th August 2018



"Sometimes we can think that faith formation means teaching religious concepts, and we don't think of forming the heart, shaping attitudes. Yesterday the President of the nation told me that he had written a poem about Descartes and said, more or less: 'The coldness of thought has killed the music of the heart.' Forming the mind, yes, but also the heart. And teaching how to

pray: teaching children how to pray from the very start. Prayer. The training of such teachers and the expansion of programmes of adult education are essential for the future of the Christian community, in which a committed laity will be increasingly called to bring the wisdom and values of their faith to their engagement in the varied sectors of the country's social, cultural and political life."

FATHER, GRANT US WISDOM

Gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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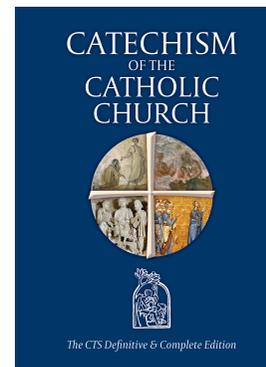


Catechism of
the Catholic Church
Adult Studies

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock 29th June 2019

Feast of St Peter and Paul

1. Catechism of the Catholic Church: Adult Studies



Faith and Baptism

1253 Baptism is the sacrament of faith.⁵⁴ But faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop. The catechumen or the godparent is asked: "What do you ask of God's Church?" The response is: "Faith!"

1254 For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow *after* Baptism. For this reason the Church celebrates each year at the Easter Vigil the renewal of baptismal promises. Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth.

1255 For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized - child or adult on the road of Christian life.⁵⁵ Their task is a truly ecclesial function (*officium*).⁵⁶ The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism.

⁵⁴ Cf. *Mk* 16:16.

⁵⁵ Cf. CIC, cann. 872-874.

⁵⁶ Cf. *SC* 67.

2. YOUCAT & YOUCAT Companion

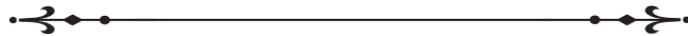


Q. 94 What is Baptism?

Baptism is the way out of the kingdom of death into life, the gateway to the Church, and the beginning of a lasting communion with God. [1213-1216, 1276-1278]

Baptism is the foundational sacrament and the prerequisite for all other sacraments. It unites us with Jesus Christ, incorporates us into his redemptive death on the Cross, thereby freeing us from the power of Original Sin and all personal sin, and causes us to rise with him to a life without end. Since Baptism is a covenant with God, the individual must say Yes to it.

In the baptism of children, the parents confess the Faith on behalf of the children.



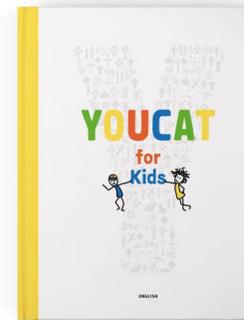
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Archbishop of Vienna

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Baptism is the meeting point at which Christ frees you from original sin and incorporates you for your whole life into communion with him and with the whole Church. You become a Christian.

Q. 66 What does Baptism do to me?

Water gives life. When you climb out of the baptismal water, you are newly born – as a Christian! You are risen with Christ. Now you belong to him.

Water cleanses. By the sign of the water God washes away the power of evil; you are freed from original sin.

From now on you are under the protection of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You are incorporated into the community of the Church.

