

Sacraments of Initiation

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 18**.

Baptism marks us as members of the Church and is necessary for Salvation.

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The people who prepare for adult Baptism and undergo the process to enter the Church are called catechumens.

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Each year during the Easter Vigil, the baptismal waters are blessed, and the prayers we pray call to mind the images of water.

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Every time the Eucharist is celebrated, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and for our Salvation.

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Today the Church encourages us to receive the Eucharist every time we attend Mass, especially on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

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Jesus said that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood has eternal life, and he will raise him on the last day.

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Through Baptism we receive Salvation and a permanent mark, or character. We receive Baptism only once, but we belong to Christ forever.

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At Confirmation we are anointed on the forehead with Chrism, a special oil blessed for this purpose.

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The stone in the center of an arch that holds it together is called the keystone. The apostles and prophets are the foundation of the household of God, and Jesus is the keystone.

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The Church is built on the teachings of Jesus, the prophets, and the apostles.

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