## New Life in Jesus

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<td>Alphonsus Liguori was a lawyer, priest, and Doctor of the Church. He founded the Redemptorists.</td>
<td>A mystery is something we believe even though we do not completely understand it.</td>
<td>Jesus is the Son of God who became man, which is called the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus is both divine and human, true God and true man.</td>
<td>With the help of the Holy Spirit, the Church carries on the teachings of Jesus and continues his mission on earth.</td>
<td>Sanctifying grace is a free gift from God that makes us his children.</td>
<td>In the image of the Church as a sacred temple, Jesus is like a capstone, the crowning point of a building.</td>
<td>Jesus has called us to be members of his Church and to live as signs of his presence on earth.</td>
<td>The Apostles’ Creed summarizes our beliefs as Christians. The word <em>creed</em> comes from the Latin word <em>credo</em>, which means “I believe.”</td>
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Before Pope John XXIII was elected pope, he was known as Angelo Roncalli. One of Pope John XXIII’s great achievements was to call the Second Vatican Council. Pastoral letters written by the pope are called *encyclicals*. 

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Meeting Jesus

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Jesus Christ touches our lives when we receive the sacraments.

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In Baptism, we receive new life in Christ. Baptism takes away Original Sin and gives us a new birth in the Holy Spirit. Its signs are water, oil, a candle, and a white garment.

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In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens our life of faith. Its signs are the laying of hands on a person's head and anointing with Chrism (oil mixed with water).

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Both Confirmation and Baptism are celebrated only once.

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The Eucharist nourishes our life of faith. Its signs are the wheat bread and grape wine we receive—the Body and Blood of Christ.

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The entire process of becoming a new Church member as an adult is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

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The sign of the laying on of hands is present in the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick.

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In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we celebrate God's forgiveness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick unites an ill person's sufferings with those of Jesus.

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In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, men are ordained as priests, bishops, or deacons. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a baptized man and woman are united with each other as a sign of unity between Jesus and his Church.

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In the sacraments we recognize that God the Father is the source of all blessings. Jesus is the Father's greatest blessing to us.

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Baptized into Christ

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Baptism is a call to new birth and life—life in the Holy Spirit. Baptism is necessary for salvation and welcomes us into the Church.

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Catholics are called to stewardship: sharing their time, money, goods, and talents to contribute to God’s kingdom on earth.

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Water is the main sign of Baptism. In the celebration of Baptism, a person is immersed in water, which symbolizes dying to sin and rising to a new life in Christ. A white garment symbolizes that the person is a new creation, now clothed in Christ.

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After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples heard a strong wind as the Holy Spirit came upon them. People gathered around them and heard the disciples speaking. When Peter began to preach, he told people to repent and be baptized.

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Baptism takes away Original Sin and personal sin. Baptism seals a person with a permanent spiritual mark.

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Saint Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He baptized more than 40,000 people.

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Because everyone is born inheriting Original Sin, the Church has always baptized infants so that they may receive sanctifying grace and be saved.

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The flame of the Easter candle, also known as the Paschal Candle, represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.
Growing in the Spirit

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<td>The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, or Helper, who gives us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts make it possible for us to do what God asks of us.</td>
<td>Being in a state of grace is a condition of friendship with God.</td>
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<td>All Christians are called to holiness, which means living a life dedicated to God and the mission of the Church.</td>
<td>Each person being confirmed is anointed with Chrism.</td>
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<td>Confirmation, known as a Sacrament of Initiation, continues and completes Baptism. To be confirmed, a person must have been baptized.</td>
<td>For the Jews of Jesus’ day, Pentecost marked the time when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. For us, it marks the time when the Holy Spirit moved the Apostles to proclaim the Good News about Jesus and the new covenant that fulfills the promise God made to Abraham.</td>
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<td>A bishop is the usual celebrant of the Sacrament of Confirmation.</td>
<td>Wind is a symbol of God’s action in the story of salvation. Both wind and fire are symbols of the Holy Spirit.</td>
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<td>Confirmation gives sanctifying grace, helping us form a closer bond with Jesus.</td>
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# Celebrating Advent

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By trusting God in a time of uncertainty, Joseph and Mary gave Jesus a loving earthly family.

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By responding to Jesus’ call, we can share the joy and light of his presence with the world.

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We can prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent by celebrating the Sacraments of the Eucharist and of Reconciliation.

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During Advent we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts and our homes.

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God the Father gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus, so that we may have eternal life.

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At Mass during Advent, we hear readings about God’s promise to send a Savior.

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The baptismal font is where people receive the Sacrament of Baptism. There, new Christians are welcomed into the Church, and we become children of God.

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We receive God’s forgiveness by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.

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During Advent we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which honors Mary’s conception without Original Sin.