

Jesus Brings Us New Life

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 19**.

On the Sunday morning following Jesus' Death on the Cross, Jesus' followers went to anoint his body. Jesus was not in the tomb; he had been raised. For Christians, Jesus' Resurrection is the central mystery of our faith. **PAGE 142**

Social justice, which is the fair and equal treatment of every member of society, keeps us faithful to the Kingdom of God. We actively seek a new social order in which the dignity of all human beings is recognized and respected. **PAGE 142**

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are blessed with opportunities to find Jesus in all people. We find Jesus in church every time the community gathers to celebrate the Mass. We also find Jesus among marginalized people, who are unimportant or powerless in society. **PAGE 143**

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he ascended to the Father in heaven. Jesus and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us and to aid us in understanding all that Jesus had done to save us. **PAGE 143**

The word *initiation* means "to make a beginning." The Greek root of the word *baptism* means "to immerse." The word *confirm* means "to strengthen." **PAGE 144**

Anyone who has reached the age of seven years old or older and wishes to be baptized can enter into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process prepares them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. **PAGE 144**

The three Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we are incorporated into the Church. We enter into the Body of Christ. **PAGES 144 AND 145**

Celebrating the Eucharist regularly is our way of renewing the commitments we made in Baptism and Confirmation. Our Salvation in Jesus Christ is made present to us in the most profound way. **PAGE 145**

When we receive the Sacraments of Initiation, we are called to initiate the Church's values and ideas into our own lives and the lives of the people around us. **PAGE 145**

A doxology is a Christian prayer praising and giving glory to God that often refers to the three divine Persons of the Trinity. **PAGE 145**

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