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DISCUSSION EXAMINATION 4

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Directions to Sponsors or Parents: Discuss each question with your catechumen. When you are satisfied that you and your catechumen understand what a particular question is asking, you or he may write down what he has said in response to the question. The language of the catechism and class discussions will help you and your catechumen form the answers to these questions. Let your catechumen "practice" with you in his own words what he might say in answer to these questions. Feel free to discuss these questions with your catechumen and others in your family before writing anything down. By discussing these questions together and speaking the answers to you, your catechumen will begin to learn how to confess the faith with his mouth.

1. The catechism states: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command..." To what specific command from God does this refer?

2. The catechism states: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word." What specific word from God is combined with the water in Holy Baptism?

3. By the authority of His holy name, what benefits does God pledge to give us in Holy Baptism?

4. The catechism asks, "How can water do such great things?" What "great things" is the catechism talking about? What gives the water the power to do these great things?

5. Who is revealed to us in Jesus' Baptism? Jesus was baptized "to fulfill all righteousness." What does this mean?

6. What do we learn about the power of Holy Baptism from the cleansing of Naaman the leper?

7. Why did the disciples want to send the little children away from Jesus? Why does Jesus take them up in His arms and bless them? What does this teach us about Holy Baptism?

8. What does it mean to live in our Baptism every day of our lives?