

Center ONE

YOUR LIFE JOURNEY

This center is
an interview center.

You and your child
will interview each other based on
the questions below.

Center TWO

QUALITIES OF
A
CHRISTIAN

Qualities of a Christian

Candidate:

Complete the following exercise about yourself.

Parent:

Complete the following exercise about your child.

Candidate and parent:

Compare the results...

- What qualities were the same?
- What differences did you notice? Why?
- What qualities would you like to work on?

Candidate

Qualities of a Christian

Underline those characteristics you see in yourself.
Circle those characteristics you would like to see in yourself.

cooperative	helpful	diligent
confident	sincere	honest
considerate	creative	decisive
serious	aggressive	open-minded
compulsive	stubborn	personable
ambitious	persistent	loving
gregarious	peacemaker	friendly
responsible	competitive	self-controlled
anxious	assertive	forgiving
hopeful	trusting	dreamer
courageous	daring	tolerant
compassionate	merciful	caring
unique	consistent	obedient
amusing	fair	concerned
kind	patient	dependable
gentle	warm	interdependent
independent	passive	grateful
idealistic	understanding	just
brave	joyful	humble
responsible	thoughtful	

Parent Qualities of a Christian

Underline those characteristics you see in your child.
Circle those characteristics you would like to see in your child.

cooperative	helpful	diligent
confident	sincere	honest
considerate	creative	decisive
serious	aggressive	open-minded
compulsive	stubborn	personable
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Center THREE

BAPTISM

**Is the first of the three
Sacraments of Initiation**

**Throughout your life journey, you
have opportunities
to honor your
covenant with God:
through the people you meet, the
events in your life,
as well as
through your failures
and accomplishments.**

**All have a direct influence on
your relationship with God.**

At the beginning of the
Ceremony of Baptism
...the celebrant questions the parents:

Celebrant: What name do you give your child?

Parents: (they state the names that they give to the child)

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for your child?

Parents: Baptism.

Parents may use other words, such as, "faith" or "the grace of Christ" or "entrance into the Church", "eternal life" or some suitable expression.

Celebrant: You have asked to have your child baptized.

In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith.

It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.

Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: God parents...

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are.

Activity

- 1. With the candidate read what the different symbols of baptism mean.**
- 2. Talk to the candidate about their baptism.**
- 3. Use the guide questions to help your discussion.**

Baptism Discussion Starters

Parent / Guardian

With the Candidate, read what the different symbols of Baptism mean. Talk about what you remember about their Baptism Ceremony. Use these questions to guide your discussion.

Where was the Baptism Ceremony held?

Who performed the ceremony?

How was the child's name chosen? Was there a religious significance to the choice?

Was the Baptism celebrated in the context of the Eucharist or at another time?

Was their special Baptism gown worn? Was it part of a special hand me down family tradition?

Who attended the Baptism?

Was there a special family celebration after the Baptism?

WATER

**Name as many
uses of water
that you can.**

**Talk about how these uses
of water are reflected in
the spiritual sense
in the
Sacrament of Baptism**

CLOTHING WITH THE **WHITE GARMENT**

The celebrant says:

You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ.

See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity.

With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven. Amen.

LIGHTED CANDLE

The Godparents are given a candle which is lit from the Easter candle.

The celebrant says:

Receive the light of Christ.

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ.

He/she is to walk always as a child of the light.

May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart.

When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

ANOINTING AFTER BAPTISM

**The God of power and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ
has freed you from sin,
given you a new birth by water
and the Holy Spirit,
and welcomed you into
his holy people.**

**He now anoints you with
the chrism of salvation.**

**As Christ was anointed
Priest, Prophet, and King,
so may you live always as a
member of his body,
sharing everlasting life. Amen.**

Words from the Ceremony of Baptism

**“In baptism this child has
been reborn.**

**He/she is now called the child
of God, for so indeed he/she
is.**

**In confirmation he/she will
receive the fullness of God’s
Spirit.**

**In holy communion he/she will
share the banquet of Christ’s
sacrifice, calling God his/her
Father in the midst of the
Church.”**

PRAYER

**God our heavenly Father,
we have been reborn in
baptism.**

**We are now called children of
God, for indeed we are.
In confirmation we receive the
fullness of God's Spirit.
In holy communion we share
the banquet of Christ's
sacrifice, calling God our
Father in the midst of the
Church.**

**Help us to live in our daily
lives the mystery of your life
and grace which we celebrate
in the Sacraments. Amen.**

Center FOUR

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation
is the
completion of your
Initiation into the Church
which began with the
Sacrament of Baptism.

Discussion Activity

Confirmation

- 1. With the candidate read what the different symbols of confirmation mean.**
- 2. Talk to the candidate about your Confirmation.**
- 3. Use the guide questions to help your discussion.**

Signs and Symbols in the ceremony of Confirmation

Oil of Chrism

Oil is a symbol of:

Joy,

Healing

and Abundance.

The use of oil in the Sacrament of Confirmation confers on the person a “mark” - the Seal of the Holy Spirit. This is a Seal is a sign of total belonging to Christ and of enrollment in His Service for ever.

FIRE

**We receive The Light of Christ
at our Baptism.**

**With Confirmation the Holy
Spirit is strengthens the Light
of Christ within us.**

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit
we are sent to let Christ's Light
shine so that others see the
good that we do and give glory
to God.**

WIND

At Pentecost the Apostles experienced a “mighty wind” which stirred up in them the desire to go forth and proclaim the Good News of Christ even in their weakness and fear.

D O V E

Symbolizes the Third Person of the Trinity - Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit descended upon Jesus at his Baptism in the form of a Dove before He began His Ministry.

Center FIVE

V I D E O

**Sit back and
reflect on the
Gifts of the Holy Spirit
described in
this brief video.**

Center SIX

C O M M I T M E N T

P R A Y E R

S E R V I C E

**You will be led by a parish
representative in making
a commitment to the
journey of discovery
about what it means to
celebrate the
Sacrament of Confirmation**

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