



## **Proving Baptism when Official Records are Missing**

**The following questions should be asked in the case of an adult who claims to have been baptized as a child when there are no witnesses capable of giving an affidavit or when the witness testimony is doubtful or incomplete. This list is not exhaustive.**

- How old were you when you were baptized?
- If you were a very small child, when and from whom did you learn you were baptized?
- Into which denomination were you baptized?
- If baptism took place in a refugee camp run by a Christian organization, which religious denomination directed the camp? Where was the refugee camp? When were you living there?
- Did you receive any religious education or attend Sunday School? If yes, when and in what church? Please provide address if you know it.
- [For those who were old enough to understand] What do you remember about the baptism ceremony? Please describe as fully as you can what happened.
- Were you baptized at the same time as other family members? If yes, what are their names? Are they still living? What are their addresses?
- Were your parents or siblings already baptized before you? If yes, into what denomination?
- After you were baptized did other family members get baptized? If so, into which church or denomination?
- After you were baptized how did you practice your faith?
- After you were baptized which other sacraments did you receive, when and where?

Note: If a parent, grandparent or other person baptizes a child on his/her own initiative, please contact the Judicial Vicar for a list of specific questions to ask if no record was ever made of the baptism and the rites were not supplied at a later date.