

Infant Baptism Resources Approved/Recommended for use by Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Seattle

*The following textbooks and programs have been reviewed and recommended by the
Department of Faith Formation*

Belonging: Baptism in the Family of God
Call to Celebrate: Baptism
Infant Baptism: A Sourcebook for Parishes
Reborn
Spirings of Faith
We Believe and Celebrate Baptism
Your Baby's Baptism

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Infant Baptism Supplemental Materials

Starting Point Program *Dynamic Catholic*, 2019. Baptism is about initiation, not obligation. Initiation into what? God's family and the Church. It is also an initiation into The Best Way to Live. Baptism is the first step of the great life God desires for each of us. And it is unique because infant Baptism, in many ways, is almost as much about the parents as it is the child—the parents are the ones taking the vows, after all. What a gift! Parents willingly giving their child over to God for heavenly adoption!

Guide for Celebrating Infant Baptism (2nd Edition) *Twenty-Third Publications*, 2020. The celebration of infant Baptism stirs joy within a community and reminds those who have gathered that God has called each of us to be missionary disciples. Celebrating Baptism well has the potential to evangelize and transform a parish community so that their faith will be stirred, deepened, and renewed. This second edition provides pastoral guidance for preparing joyful and communal celebrations of infant Baptism within or outside Mass according to the newly translated Order of Baptism of Children. It provides guidance for selecting Scripture readings, prayer texts, and music; arranging the environment; scheduling ministers; and preparing liturgies that engage and evangelize.

FAQs on Baptism: Questions and Answers on How and Why We Celebrate *Twenty-Third Publications*, 2021. Baptism happens once, but it is a lifetime sacrament, one that marks us forever as children of God. What, really, is baptism? What are baptismal promises all about? What do all those symbols, actions, and prayers at baptism mean? Janet Schaeffler brings her wisdom, storytelling gifts, and deep understanding of human nature to answer these questions and more—to help parents, godparents, and all involved in baptism better understand its mystery and meaning in our lives.

The Godparent Book: Ideas and Activities for Godparents and Their Godchildren *Liturgy Training Publications, 2020*. Building on the idea that godparent and godchild are two Christians discovering together what it means to be baptized, the author provides scores of ideas for relating at every age and in many circumstances—ideas that are appropriate for all the churches that call for godparents. Godparents will find advice that serves well when the godchild is a baby, toddler, teen, or young adult. They will learn how to relate through imaginary play, conversations, walks in the woods, reading, drawing, viewing films, listening to music together, and more. [Online Supplement](#)

Your Child's Baptism (*Revised*), *Liturgy Training Publications, 2018*. Fr. Paul Turner helps parents understand what they need to know about their child's Baptism. He invites them into the mystery of this first sacrament in the life of a Christian, explaining its theology, symbolism, and the ritual itself. He provides pastoral answers to many technical questions parents might have about such matters as when and where Baptism should take place, arrangements when a parent is not Catholic, and the requirements for godparents. He especially encourages parents to take the long view and understand their unique role in raising a disciple of Christ.

Together at Baptism (*4th Edition*) *Ave Maria Press, 2020*. Offers parish staff a practical, concise tool to help prepare parents and godparents for the Baptism of a child. It offers both spiritual support and important information about the sacrament. The booklet contains twenty-six brief commentaries by Robert M. Hamma on the essential elements and liturgical texts of The Order of Baptism of Children. Parents will learn about their role as first witnesses to the faith, the essential support of godparents, the distinctively Catholic understanding of the sacrament, and the joys and challenges of lifelong commitment to the faith.

Growing Up Catholic: Baptism Preparation *Pastoral Center, 2015*. Elements of the program include: Engage parents by starting with where they are at-Evangelize parents and help them grow in their own faith-Educate and equip parents for their role in passing on the faith-Offer information in a handout format-introduce parents to the ministry of the church-Help parents understand the sacrament of baptism. A process for engaging, evangelizing, and coaching young parents • Available in print and as a reproducible eResource.

Claim (Pathways) *Faith and Family Life Ministries*. A Baptism family experience designed for early childhood (0-5) and middle childhood (6-10) aged children. Invite parents to reflect on the gift and responsibility of raising a child in the faith and equip them to actively participate in the liturgical celebration. Inspire families to live out their faith through hands-on activities and meaningful conversations.