

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

WHAT HAPPENED AT YOUR BAPTISM?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



1 The priest asked your parents: 'What name do you give...'

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
Is a name important? Why?
Were you named after a saint/person from the Bible?
Or for any other reason?

2 He then traced a cross on your forehead and asked your parents and godparents to do the...

A CROSS ON YOUR HEAD.. What did this action mean?

3 The Word of God was read and...



GOD'S WORD What does it do to us?

4 The people present prayed for you to be filled with God's life and light and to be His faithful follower. They also called on...

FREEDOM AND STRENGTH
Why does an innocent baby need to be set free from sin?

What oil did the priest anoint you with at this point?

THE CHURCH AND ME:
Bishop Fulton Sheen describes the People of God as a reservoir of water and says: "It is from the Church or Christ's Body that Christ's life pours out into your soul.. Our Lord instituted 7 channels to convey that life into your souls."
He also said, "As no cell can live normally apart from your body.. so you as a Christian cannot live a normal spiritual life apart from Christ's Body, the Church."
What 7 channels do you think he is talking about?

Why do the people present and the saints pray for the child?

5 Next the priest asked God to set you free from the power of Satan and from Original Sin. He anointed you on the breast to...

DO YOU THINK THAT THE 'SEED' SOWN AT YOUR BAPTISM HAS GROWN AND FLOWERED?
Write down some practical steps you can take to help you 'live your baptism'.

