### Lesson 04

### Embracing our Baptism: Celebrating a New Life in a New Community

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. Jesus himself accepted the waters of baptism as a sign of his willingness to live Life as we do. Where was he baptized and what happened?

### Answer:

Scriptures tell us that as Jesus emerged from the waters of the Jordan River, he saw "the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him" (Mark 1:10).

2. Which are the three sacraments that welcome or initiate members into the church?

### Answer:

The three sacraments that welcome or initiate members into the church – are the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

# 3. How do we know that Jesus wanted everyone to share in the relationship he had with God?

### Answer:

He commissioned his followers to baptize people so that they, like Jesus, would be the beloved sons and daughter of God. He also assured them with this saying that "All power on heaven and earth are given to me".

# 4. What action of the first followers of Jesus was a sign of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

### Answer:

The laying on of hands. The laying of hands and anointing with oil signify and make present the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us to live our faith.

### 5. Mention some symbols which are part of baptism today?

### Answer:

- being clothed in a white garment symbolize entering into a new life
- A candle reminds us of our sharing in Christ as our Light

### 6. What does the Rite of Baptism signify?

### Answer:

The Rite of Baptism signifies death to sin and new life in Christ

## The Sacrament of Baptism

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