

Baptismal Preparation

Instructions for accessing REBORN videos on Formed.org (see last page) and Guide Questions

To: Parents and Godparents who are preparing for a child’s baptism

Please consider the following questions while watching the first three videos of the REBORN series on the Formed.org website. After watching each video, jot down a few brief notes to answer each question and note any questions you have about the material in the videos. Please bring your notes and questions to the onsite Discussion Session which will be scheduled at St Patrick.

NOTE: if you need help accessing Formed.org, see the last page.

Video 1: A New Creation

1. Have you ever attended a Baptism? What details do you remember about it?

2. Which “type” (representation) of baptism in the Old Testament caught your attention the most? Did any of those “types” of baptism come as a surprise to you? Explain.

3. Ezekiel 36:25-26 says, “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean... A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you.” What do you think it means to have a new heart and a new spirit through Baptism?

4. Why do you desire Baptism for your child or godchild? What is your deepest desire for your child or godchild in Baptism?

Video 2: Entering the Mystery: The Rite Explained

5. What are some choices you have already made for your child (or observed other parents making for their children)? What would be the potential consequences of delaying these decisions until the child is old enough to make them for him/herself? What are some of the reasons you are choosing Baptism for your child or supporting the choice of the parents of your godchild?

6. Baptism brings us into the family of God, the Church. This means much more than just being welcomed into the local parish. The family of God stretches across time and culture. What does it mean to you to be part of the family of God? How will you help your child or godchild understand and live out his or her identity as part of the family of God?

7. The Catechism states, "Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ (CCC1272). This indelible seal marks us as belonging to God, and nothing can change or erase the seal of Baptism. What does it mean to you to be marked as belonging to Christ? Why is it important to you that your child or godchild be marked by this seal now?"

Video 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace

8. Why is the Christian life meant to be lived out in community? What effect has the community of faith had on you?

9. Which aspect of the threefold mission of Priest, Prophet, and King do you think is easiest to live out? Which do you think is hardest? Why?

10. Who are your godparents? How have they impacted your faith? How do you see godparents impacting the faith of your child?

How to access the REBORN videos on the Formed.org website

These instructions conform to desktop or laptop computers. The screen prompts on tablets or smartphones may differ slightly, but the steps are the same.

If you never used Formed.org before, follow steps 1-5 to register for access to our FREE parish subscription. If you are already a Formed.org user, go right to Step 6.

- 1. On the Internet, go to Formed.org and select the SIGN UP button or the SIGN UP tab (top right corner of page).**
NOTE: Do not use the "SIGN IN" tab at this point. You will use that tab after you SIGN UP.
- 2. Select: "I belong to a parish or organization," and type in St. Patrick to find our parish. Then click "NEXT."**
- 3. Type in your "name" and "email" in the spaces provided. Then click "Sign Up."**
Now YOU'RE registered and can begin using all the free FORMED content (and you will not have to do these steps again).
- 4. Select the "Programs" tab on the top of the Formed home page.**
- 5. On the drop-down list, select "The Sacraments."**
 - a. Scroll to the REBORN program and start watching.
 - b. Watch session 1, 2, & 3 (REQUIRED viewing). The other sessions on "Catholic Parenting" and "The Gift of Godparents" are OPTIONAL but strongly encouraged.

If you are already a Formed.org user follow the steps below:

- 6. On the Internet, go to Formed.org and SIGN IN (top right corner of page).** NOTE: you DO NOT have to "Sign-Up" again, since you have already done that.
NOTE: If you did not log-out of Formed.org when you last used it, you will see a "Start Watching" message box when you Sign-In. Click "Start Watching" and you can skip immediately to Step 8. Otherwise go to Step 7.
- 7. Type in your "email" in the space provided. Then click "NEXT."** An email message will be sent to you with a link. **Click the hyperlink** in the message and you will be taken to the FORMED home page.
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