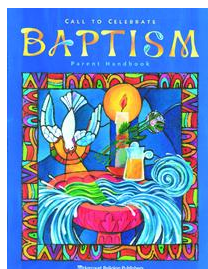


## Resources for Use in Baptism Preparation

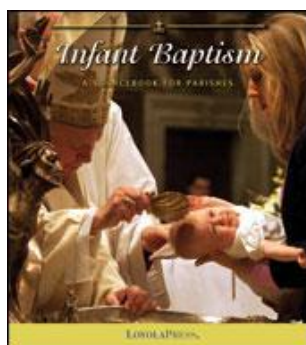
### Published Programs to Consider:



#### [Call to Celebrate: Baptism](#)

Our Sunday Visitor's baptism preparation program is engaging, reflective and flexible. This four lesson program can easily be adapted to a half day retreat or two, two hour sessions. To see all options, click on the link and view the program flyer:

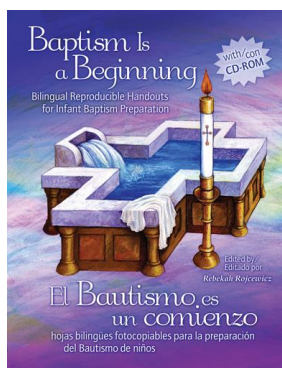
*This resource is a workbook that parents use to guide them in their learning and reflecting on the sacrament of Baptism. Very adaptable program. Beautiful imagery throughout.*



#### [Infant Baptism](#), developed by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Infant Baptism Task Force

A sourcebook designed to guide members of the parish infant Baptism team in creating or enriching a baptismal program. The flexible three-ring binder provides a rich and essential catechetical background for Baptism leaders, includes questions and answers to commonly asked sacrament questions, offers program planning and assessment tools, and provides suggestions for recruiting and training program volunteers. The sourcebook focuses on parental understanding of infant Baptism and emphasizes post-baptismal family involvement in the parish. \$69.95

*We recommend this resource for middle to large sized parishes that are considering restructuring their whole Baptism preparation program and want to create a team approach. A larger investment than some resources, but very comprehensive and useful for planning or re-evaluating programs.*

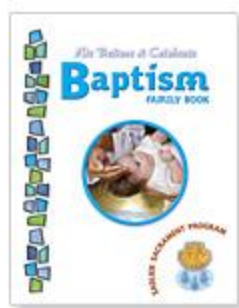


#### [Baptism Is a Beginning/El Bautismo es un comienzo: Bilingual Reproducible Handouts for Infant Baptism Preparation](#)

Edited by Rebekah Rojewicz

This book with CD-Rom provides parishes with all they need to prepare parents and families, godparents, and sponsors for the Baptism of a child and for continuing support and formation after the Baptism. Eighteen different pamphlets can be reproduced for distribution to families and are enriched by the insights of Sofia Cavalletti, founder of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Topics found in *Baptism Is a Beginning* include: awaiting the birth; a message to adoptive parents; signs of Baptism; choosing godparents; a message to godparents; an explanation of the Rite; a message to grandparents; praying with young children; moral formation; religious capacities and needs; cultivating wonder; a detailed plan for a presentation/meeting with parents. \$30.00

*We love how this is electronic and adaptable. It includes communities often not considered during Baptism formation such as adopting parents, grandparents, as well as **Spanish resources**. Would recommend for a parish with a color printer as the handouts and resources will lose their impact if not in color.*



#### [We Believe and Celebrate: Baptism](#)

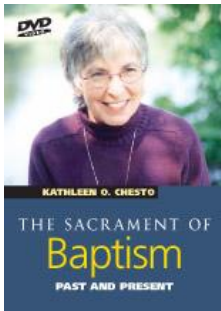
**Family Book** - This beautiful, engaging keepsake is designed to guide parents, godparents, and family as they prepare for the Baptism of a child or godchild, as they celebrate the sacrament together, and as they continue to nurture the faith of this child. \$4.48

**Annotated Leader's Guide** - A well-organized guide designed for the priest, deacon, DRE or pastoral leader who directs the parents and godparents as they prepare for the Baptism of their child or godchild. \$27.83

*This program contains a beautiful, theologically sound, and inviting parent (or Family) book. The Leader's Manual contains very little additional information. However, Sadlier has many resources to supplement the baptism formation book available on the website that are excellent. Visit the website for [more](#).*

Book and online [resources](#) are also available in **Spanish**.

## Supplemental Resources for Catechetical Sessions:



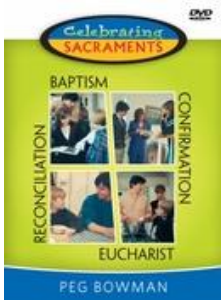
### [The Sacrament of Baptism: Past and Present](#), Kathleen Chesto

A wonderful resource for learning about the history and development of the sacrament of baptism—from Hebrew times to post Vatican II; this presentation offers Catholic adults a better understanding of the valuable place of sacramental celebrations in today's world.

DVD, 40 – 45 minutes

\$17.95 (online) 1-877-944-5844 (Twenty-Third Publications)

*Best used with catechists, RCIA or Baptism formation facilitators, or at a mystagogy session with the parents.*

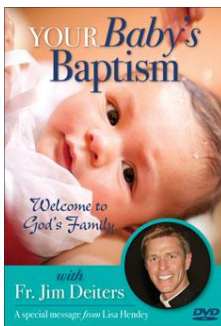


### [Celebrating Sacraments](#), Peg Bowman

These four popular stories have helped parents for over a decade to find ways to support their children as they prepare for sacraments. The scripts are realistic, true to what goes on in an average home, and the parents are real and reassuring. The four episodes of this DVD include: **Baptism: Celebrating Life**; Reconciliation: Celebrating Forgiveness; Eucharist: Celebrating Community, and Confirmation: Celebrating Faith. Each of these thorough and lively presentations gives parents an opportunity to update their understanding of the Catholic faith and challenges them to walk the journey of faith with their child every day. **Ideal for use in parent sessions.**

**DVD:** Confirmation 14 min; Eucharist 13 min; Reconciliation 14 min; **Baptism 17 min**

Regular price: \$24.95 When you buy online: **\$18.71** (Twenty-Third Publications)

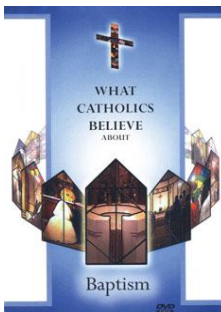


### [Your Baby's Baptism: Welcome to God's Family](#)

Celebrate and renew your faith while strengthening your decision to raise your child in the Catholic faith. Fr. Jim Deiters guides you through the sacrament, with emphasis on embracing our faith community. Special Feature: A 7-minute message from Lisa Hendey, creator of CatholicMom.com and the Catholic Mom Moments blog and podcast, who explains the importance of parents as the first teachers of the faith. 1-800-325-9521 (Liguori Publications) \$34.99 30 minutes

**Also in Spanish! [El Bautismo de su bebé: Bienvenidos a la familia de Dios](#)**

*This program also has a parent booklet (English and **Spanish**) to complement the video. The booklet has a strong focus on the parents as a new family of faith and is very forgiving to those who have been away from the church. The program has limited theological or spiritual reflection so is not recommended as the primary source of information for families. It could be used well in a program with a catechist who can provide more background on the sacrament and reflection and discussion for the parents. Using with the video provides some of this additional content.*

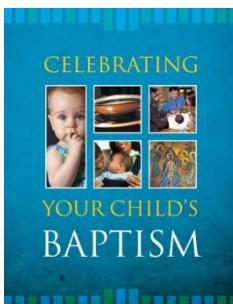


### [What Catholics Believe About Baptism](#), DVD: Revised

Fr. Jeff Vomund invites viewers to come along on this fast paced interactive introduction into the beliefs of the Catholic Church regarding the Sacrament of Baptism. Issues like original sin, personal sin, who can receive the Sacrament and explanation of the signs used in the Baptismal rite, are covered in this educational program. Even the question of Limbo is presented in this interesting multiple choice, true or false, or yes and no format, to actively involve and inform the viewer.

Playing time: 30 minutes, \$29.99 Liguori

*Online access to downloadable leader guide.*



### [Celebrating Your Child's Baptism](#), Deborah McCann

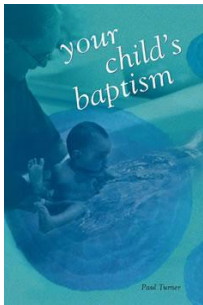
*This 16 page booklet is a one-step guide for parents seeking baptism for their children, a handy take-home primer for study and reflection. It includes a complete overview of the sacrament, frequently asked questions, and a collection of family prayers.*

Its Imprimatur is from the Diocese of Norwich, CT.

1-877-944-5844 (Twenty-Third Publications, at [www.pastoralplanning.com](http://www.pastoralplanning.com))

*We recommend this resource as a supplement to give to parents. It does not contain space for journaling, nor is it designed to be a workbook. It is informational and contemporary. Note – it contains the "old" version of the Apostle's Creed.*

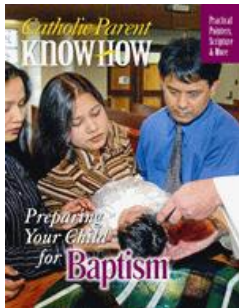
**Also in Spanish: [Celebren el bautismo de sus hijos](#)**



**[Your Child's Baptism](#)**, Rev. Paul Turner

This book provides parents with answers to their most frequently asked questions and addresses their most frequently voiced concerns. Topics include the age of the child, parental consent, church attendance habits, qualifications for eligibility to serve as a godparent, the number of godparents, non-Catholic witnesses, proxies, and more. The Rite of Baptism is also outlined. Written for baptismal preparation programs.

Liturgy Training Publications, 1-800-933-1800, \$5.00

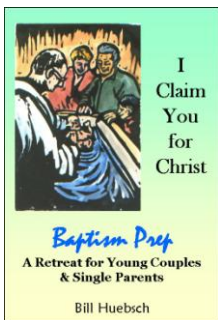


**[Catholic Parent Know-How: Baptism](#)**, Revised, Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

*Baptism is a lifetime sacrament.* What we do and say in those few moments is lived each day for the rest of our lives. At Baptism your child is a Christian, but your child *becomes* a Christian as the years unfold.

Our Sunday Visitor, 1-800-348-2440 \$14.95 (package of 10) **also in Spanish**

[Catholic Parent Know How](#) is a series that includes Baptism handouts for Parents and Godparents in English and Spanish.



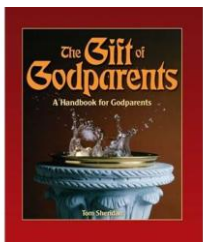
**[I Claim You for Christ – Retreat-like Preparation for Baptism](#)**

Bill Huebsch, at [www.pastoralplanning.com](http://www.pastoralplanning.com)

Young couples or single parents who are preparing for baptism actually *have an experience* of what baptism means -- entering into the death of the Lord, coming to grips with the Paschal Mystery, and celebrating a new covenant with the parish.

Everything you need for this retreat is included in this one packet, including talk outlines, schedules, set-up notes, prayer experiences, handouts, and multiple suggestions and directions for use. Reproducible E-product. \$9.62, less if ordered online.

*Material from this retreat can easily be integrated into an already existing baptism formation program if looking to add more prayer and reflection into current program. Is also useful and adaptable for RCIA and adult formation.*

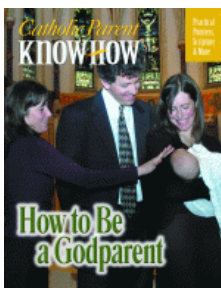


**[The Gift of Godparents: For Those Chosen with Love and Trust to be Godparents](#)**

Tom Sheridan

This upbeat, down-to-earth explanation of the sacrament of Baptism and the responsibilities of godparenting blends touching stories of real-life godparents with suggestions about how to help a godchild grow in the faith from baptism to adulthood.

Price: \$5.95 at Acta Publications



**[Catholic Parent Know-How: How to Be a Godparent](#)**

Lorene Hanley Duquin

**Catholic Parent Know-How: How to Be a Godparent** will give you practical pointers, Scripture, and more. Not only will you discover what Godparents are, but the Sacrament of Baptism will be explained, you will find out what Godparents do during the Baptism, what they do after the Baptism, and how Godparents can help in understanding a child's faith development. The Prayer for a Godchild is perfect for anytime.

Our Sunday Visitor, 1-800-348-2440 \$14.95 (package of 10) **also in Spanish**

## Ongoing Catechesis after the Baptism of Infants:



### [Parent Letters from Your Parish](#), Revised, by McNamara/Plum/Plum

This series of 7 post-Baptism mailings makes it easy to engage new families and keep them inspired in the Faith! Starting right after Baptism and every 6 months thereafter, **Parent Letters** delivers the Catholic wisdom, support, and encouragement parents need to nurture their child's spiritual growth as well as a FREE gift for every mailing!

**Director Guide** available FREE with purchase of Letters.

Our Sunday Visitor <http://www.osv.com/> 1-800-348-2440 \$19.95 for set of 7 letters



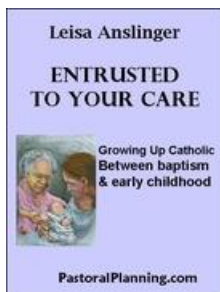
### [At Home with Our Faith: Nurturing the Spirituality of Your Family](#)

A family spirituality newsletter

Nine times a year, *At Home with Our Faith* offers parents fresh new insights on important parenting topics. Parents are in the best position to positively influence their children's lives for good. *AHF* helps them take advantage of the ordinary opportunities family life offers to nourish spiritual meaning and evoke religious commitment.

It helps increase parents' own religious literacy and points to the ways in which religion is fostered in the course of normal daily life

Claretian Publications 1-800-328-6515 9 issues/yr - \$12.00

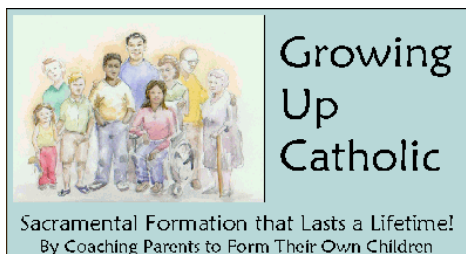


### [Entrusted to Your Care: An E-Resource for Coaching Parents after Baptism](#)

Author: Leisa Anslinger

A series of letters, activities, contact suggestions, and prayer resources -- all to help you **coach parents** after the baptism of their child and before the early school years. All can be personalized for your parish.

Item can be purchased at [www.PastoralPlanning.com](http://www.PastoralPlanning.com) for \$17.64.



### [Coaching Parents](#)

[www.pastoralplanning.com](http://www.pastoralplanning.com) has many resources that can be used by parishes to assist parents in raising their children in the faith. Check out the website and see what works for your parish needs. Most resources are downloads and are therefore very inexpensive to purchase.

[Coaching resources](#) in **Spanish** as well!