Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith

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**Review for Unit: Baptism and Confirmation**

**Answer each of the following questions.**

1. When in the liturgical year are catechumens baptized? (Think RCIA.)
2. What are the stories in the Hebrew Scriptures that provide symbols for baptism? (Name the story in general and know the background.)
3. What was the preparation for baptism like in the time of the Apostles, right after Jesus ascended to heaven?
4. What about in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, before Christianity was legal?
5. Do we receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism?
6. How many times can someone be baptized?
7. What is the meaning of each of the symbols of Baptism?
	1. water
	2. chrism
	3. oil of catechumens
	4. white garment
	5. baptismal candle
	6. sign of the cross
8. In Baptism, we are called to act as priest, prophet and king, just as Jesus did. Explain each of these terms in your own words (using information from class) and give a specific, concrete example of how you may live out each of these in your own life, **now**.
9. What are the essential words of Baptism?
10. What is the essential symbol of Baptism? (What can’t we do without?)
11. Who is the normal minister of Baptism? (There are 3.)
12. In an emergency, who can baptize?
13. What are the Sacraments of Initiation?
14. What’s with Nicodemus?
15. Who declared Christianity to be legal, circa 500 AD?
16. When did baptizing infants become the norm? (think about #10)
17. What is the age of reason, as defined by the Catholic Church?
18. What oil is used in Confirmation?
19. Why is wind a good symbol for the Holy Spirit?
20. How many times can someone be confirmed?
21. List the requirements for a proper Confirmation.
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	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
22. What is a “sacramental character”?
23. Which prophet of the Hebrew Scriptures said, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me…”?
24. What is the reason that all 3 sacraments of initiation are given at the same time in the Eastern Rite of Confirmation?
25. Why did Confirmation become separate from Baptism?
26. What are the essential words of Confirmation?
27. Who is the normal minister of Confirmation?
28. What about during the Easter Vigil?
29. What does RCIA stand for?
30. What season of the Church year began as a 40-day period of intense preparation that catechumens went through before their Baptism during the 2nd and 3rd centuries?
31. What are the specific ways the sacrament of Confirmation affects the life of a Christian? Be able to explain each in your own words, with a concrete example in the life of a teenager or adult.
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	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
32. Explain the statement, “The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.”
33. What does it mean that someone is in the “state of grace”? (There are two parts to this definition.)
34. Explain the meaning behind the anointing of the forehead, eyes, nose, ears, lips, chest, back, hands and feet in the Eastern Rite of Confirmation.