Reflecting on the Meaning of Infant Baptism

**1.** Why does the Catholic Church baptize infants?

**2.** Infants are innocent. What benefit do they receive through Baptism?

**3.** Can infant Baptisms take place during Mass? (If so, then at what point in the celebration do they take place?)

**4.** If the Sacraments require adult commitment, how and when does adult commitment take place during an infant Baptism?

**5.** Did Christians baptize infants in the early Church?

**6.** Explain the meaning of each of the following symbols: pouring water over the baby’s head three times, presenting a lighted candle, clothing the baby with a white garment.

**7.** Related to Baptism, why do Catholics bless themselves and other things with holy water?

**8.** Who are the ordinary ministers of Baptism?

**9.** Is there any circumstance under which you could administer the Sacrament of Baptism? If so, explain the circumstances.