

Photobook on the Sacraments of Initiation

Adult Instruction Program on the Sacraments of Initiation

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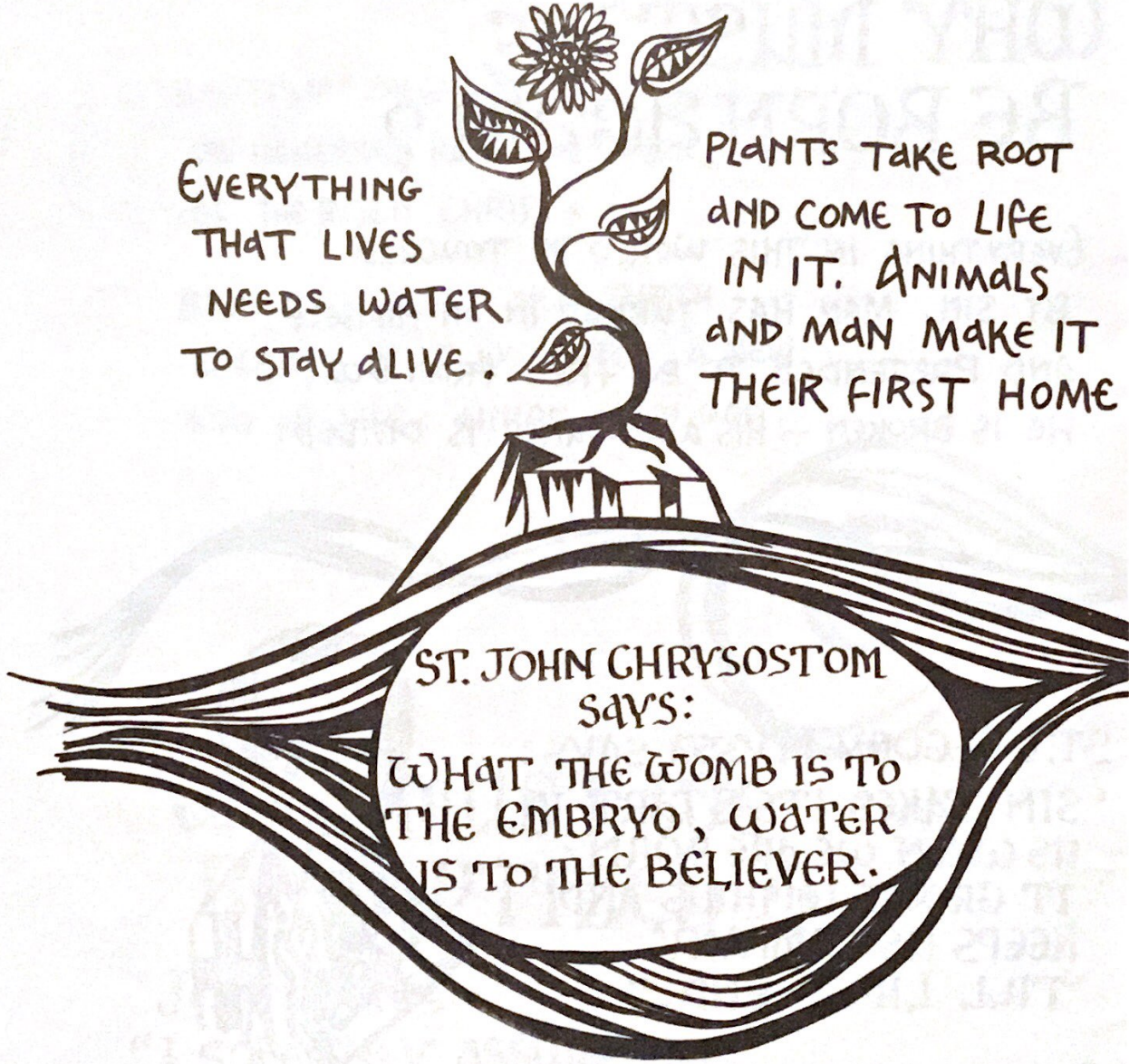


A PHOTOBOOK ON THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

WHY WATER ?

EVERYTHING
THAT LIVES
NEEDS WATER
TO STAY ALIVE .

PLANTS TAKE ROOT
AND COME TO LIFE
IN IT. ANIMALS
AND MAN MAKE IT
THEIR FIRST HOME



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
SAYS:
WHAT THE WOMB IS TO
THE EMBRYO , WATER
IS TO THE BELIEVER .

WATER ALSO DESTROYS —
FLOODS , RAINSTORMS , RAPIDS —

IN BAPTISM'S WATERS SIN AND THE
DARKNESS IT BRINGS ARE SWEEPED AWAY .

A SIGN OF THE SPIRIT....

JESUS
SAID -



LET
HIM
DRINK

WHO
BELIEVES
IN ME.

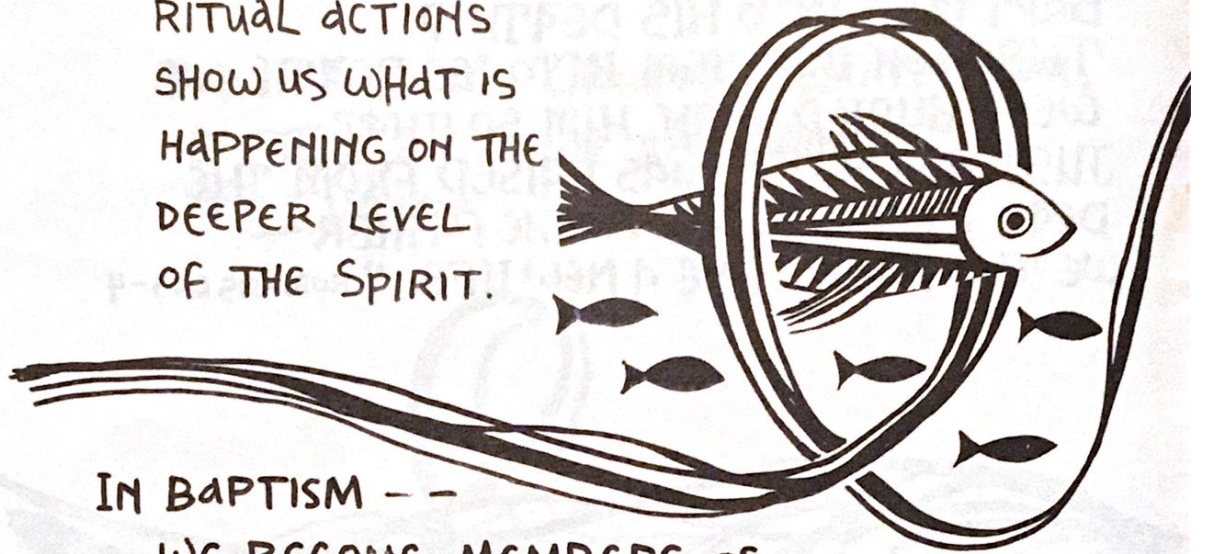
SCRIPTURE HAS IT: FROM WITHIN HIM
RIVERS OF LIVING WATER SHALL FLOW.
HERE HE WAS REFERRING TO THE SPIRIT
WHOM THOSE THAT CAME TO BELIEVE
IN HIM WERE TO RECEIVE. JOHN 7:37-39

FLOWING WATER IS A SIGN OF LIFE AND POWER.
SO JESUS USES IT AS A SIGN OF HIS
HOLY SPIRIT WHO GIVES US DIVINE LIFE.

BAPTISM IS A PLUNGING INTO THAT
LIVING WATER WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHAT HAPPENS AT CHRISTENING ?

RITUAL ACTIONS
SHOW US WHAT IS
HAPPENING ON THE
DEEPER LEVEL
OF THE SPIRIT.



IN BAPTISM --
WE BECOME MEMBERS OF
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.



--- WE BECOME BELIEVERS IN
THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT



WE ARE PREPARED TO DO BATTLE
WITH SATAN - - -



SAINT PAUL SAYS :

“DRAW YOUR STRENGTH FROM THE LORD AND HIS MIGHTY POWER . PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND FIRM AGAINST THE TACTICS OF THE DEVIL . OUR BATTLE IS NOT AGAINST HUMAN FORCES BUT AGAINST THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS , THE RULERS OF THE WORLD OF DARKNESS , THE EVIL SPIRITS IN THE REGIONS ABOVE .” EPHESIANS 6 : 10 - 12

... WE ARE BURIED AND RAISED
WITH CHRIST .



“ WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED , IT IS NOT
BY THE PRIEST THAT YOU ARE BAPTIZED,
BUT IT IS GOD WHO TOUCHES YOUR HEAD
WITH HIS INVISIBLE POWER . ”

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

We "PUT ON" CHRIST - - -



ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE
BEEN BAPTIZED INTO
CHRIST
HAVE PUT ON CHRIST
ALLELUIA !

WE ARE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT--

IN CHRISMATION THE HOLY SPIRIT
RESTS UPON US. HE MAKES US SHARERS
IN THE DIVINE NATURE.

LIKE JESUS, WE ARE "CHRISTS"—ANointed
WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT. WE ARE "DEIFIED":
INVOLVED WITH THE LIFE OF THE TRINITY.



ANointed TO PROCLAIM ---

ANointing WAS OFTEN
THE SIGN THAT A
PERSON WAS CALLED TO
A SPECIAL VOCATION LIKE
A PROPHET OR KING,
Now ALL BELIEVERS ARE
ANointed BECAUSE WE TOO,
ARE CALLED TO LIVE A LIFE
WHICH GIVES GLORY TO GOD.
WE HAVE THE POWER LIKE
THIS NEW LIFE BECAUSE
WE ARE SEALED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN CHRISMATION.



SAINT PETER SAYS:

"YOU HOWEVER ARE A CHOSEN RACE,
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION
A PEOPLE GOD CLAIMS FOR HIS OWN, TO
PROCLAIM THE TRIUMPHS OF HIM WHO
CALLED YOU FROM DARKNESS INTO HIS
MARVELOUS LIGHT." 1 PETER 2:9

AND SHARE IN HIS TABLE ---



CHRIST BECAME A
SHARER IN OUR FLESH
AND BLOOD
THROUGH HIS INCARNATION.
NOW WE ARE
INVITED TO RETURN
AND SHARE IN HIS FLESH
AND BLOOD
TO BE PHYSICALLY
UNITED WITH HIM .

JESUS SAID :

"IF YOU DO NOT
EAT OF THE FLESH
OF THE SON OF MAN
AND DRINK OF HIS
BLOOD, YOU HAVE
NO LIFE IN YOU ."

JOHN 6:53

NOW LET US LIVE THIS NEW LIFE ---

OUR UNION WITH GOD DOES NOT END WITH THE LAST 'AMEN' OF THE CHRISTENING SERVICE. OUR BAPTISM IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE: ONE WHOSE DESTINATION IS THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD.



AND IF YOU AND WE BELONG TO CHRIST, GUARANTEED AS HIS AND ANOINTED, IT IS ALL GOD'S DOING! IT IS GOD WHO HAS SET HIS SEAL UPON US AND HAS GIVEN THE SPIRIT TO DWELL IN OUR HEARTS AS A PLEDGE OF WHAT IS TO COME. I CORINTHIANS 1:21

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