

## Letter for Families • Unit 2

### Getting Ready

In this unit all the children learn about how we live and celebrate the sacraments. There are three Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Baptism is the first sacrament we celebrate. It is the entry door to life in the Church. Through Baptism we are joined to Christ and become part of the Body of Christ. Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In celebrating the Eucharist we share in the Paschal Mystery of the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There are two Sacraments of Healing, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Through Reconciliation the healing forgiveness of God restores us to spiritual health. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick brings Christ's compassion to our deepest needs in times of serious illness or old age.

Holy Orders and Matrimony, the two Sacraments at the Service of Communion, consecrate, or set apart, members of the Body of Christ for service to the entire Church community. Through Holy Orders, priests and bishops share in the priesthood of Christ in a unique way so that they can act in the name and person of Jesus Christ. Through Matrimony a baptized man and a baptized woman are joined in marriage for life and are called to serve the whole Church together as a married couple.

### Looking for More?

- **Faith First Legacy Edition**  
*Additional Activities* booklet for appropriate age level
- **Faith First Legacy Edition**  
*Called to Prayer* booklet for appropriate age level
- *The Sacraments* by Inos Biffi (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company). A commentary on the sacraments

accompanied by simple pictures.

- *The Symbols of the Church* by Maurice Dilasser (The Liturgical Press). How the Church uses signs and symbols to invite us to deeper worship.

### Faith First.com

For more ideas on how your family can live your faith, visit the "Faith First for Families" page at [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com). Click on "Saints."



### Catholic Family Traditions

This is an appropriate time to review the Prayer to the Holy Spirit together as a family. You can find this prayer in the "Prayers and Practices" section in the back of your child's book. Choose a time when you can pray this prayer together each day this week.