

Baptismal Preparation Model III (2016)

A. For Whom

For parishes with very few candidates per baptism.

B. Leadership

The family is visited in the home and prior to the beginning of catechesis the candidates, parents and sponsors are introduced to the congregation. It is suggested this be done formally within the liturgy at the main Sunday service.

There are 3 sessions - 2 before baptism, 1 after baptism

C. Programme

Session 1:

View and discuss video “*Godparent Gussie*” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01-gdeQTmgQ>)

Goal:

Acquaint participants with the history and development of the baptismal rite.

Session 2:

Explain and discuss the baptismal liturgy.

Goal:

Acquaint participants with the theology of the rite.

Session 3:

Six weeks after the baptism, view and discuss “*Beginnings of Faith*”, (use one of four strips).

Goal:

To re-emphasize that initiation into the faith must be followed by continuing instruction and ongoing nurture both at church and in the home.

