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Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth

Assignment Due: **December 18, 2016**Read Chapters 18: Baptism

Define the term Catechumenate

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

Define and briefly explain the four effects of Baptism:

1.

2.

3.

4.

What is meant by the term, "Baptism of blood"?

Using the readings from one of the week's listed, write a 500-word Homily/Reflection. Your reflection should be a statement of faith by you (a faith filled person) to other persons of faith. You can base it on the Gospel or use parts of all the day's readings.

Your reflection should be:

- ✠ Liturgical
- ✠ Prayerful
- ✠ Based on the Word of Jesus
- ✠ Concerns Jesus
- ✠ Relevant (fits today)
- ✠ Done in the name of the Church

The readings can be found in full on the webpage for the United States Bishops: www.usccb.org or you can look up the Gospel passages in your Bible.

- November 13: Luke 21: 5-19
- November 20: Luke 23:35-43
- November 27: Matthew 24: 37-44
- December 4: Matthew 3:1-12
- December 11: Matthew 11:2-11

As you prepare your reflection first quiet yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire your understanding.

Then...

1. Read the Gospel
2. What was your first impression?
3. What word or phrase caught your attention?
4. What feelings did the text invoke?
5. Read the Gospel again.
6. This time, think about:
 - a. Who is consoled in the Gospel?
 - b. Who is challenged in the Gospel?
 - c. What is God doing in this Gospel?
7. Read the Gospel again and think about...
 - a. What is the message of life/death for you? For others?
 - b. What is the cost for you? For the Church?

As you go through the various steps with the same Gospel (*Lectio Divina*), there should be a difference in the quality of the understanding. A community theme should emerge.

NOTE: THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS TOWARDS YOUR FINAL GRADE