



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE SACRAMENTS STUDY GUIDE

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1. The sacraments are often divided into three groups: the sacraments of initiation, the sacraments of healing, and the sacraments of vocation. Which sacraments belong in each of these groups?
2. The Sacraments of Initiation are all celebrations that help us to become part of our Catholic community. How does Baptism make us part of the Church?
3. How does Confirmation strengthen our faith? Why is it important to the whole Church community?
4. The sacrament of the Eucharist is both a meal and a sacrifice. Who do we receive at our meal? What is the sacrifice?
5. The Sacraments of Healing give us special graces that strengthen us during difficult times. What does Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son tell us about the sacrament of Penance?
6. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick offers us healing-sometimes in a physical way, but always in a spiritual way. Why was Jesus pleased with the centurion in our video?
7. The Sacraments of Vocation give us strength to answer God's call in our lives. What are some important gifts the Holy Spirit gives our leaders through the sacrament of Holy Orders?



8. The sacrament of Matrimony is a special way God can show His love for the Church. How do families show what it means to love like God loves?

ACTIVITY: Make a booklet like the one in the video. Color the symbols and write about each sacrament on its own page.

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