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Lesson for Meeting 7

The Sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation

Meeting Questions

1. How is the forgiveness of sins linked to the Holy Spirit, Christ and the sacrament of Baptism? (para. 984, 985). See Rom 6.3-7 (OR, p. 118).
2. A sacrament is a physical means joined to the word of God. What is the physical means (instrument) for forgiveness of sins?
3. Which sacraments are directly related to forgiveness? Bonus Q: Why can't a deacon provide a sick person the Sacrament of the Sick ("Oil of Anointing") Hint: see para. 986
4. What's the difference between a sacrament and a sacramental? In what way is the Church a sacrament?
5. Para 1275 Links Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. With the exception of adults, why aren't these three "Sacraments of Initiation" completed at the same time? Bonus Q: what are infused and imputed grace, and how do they work through these sacraments?
6. Para. 1277 says Baptism is necessary for salvation. What about those who believe but aren't baptized before they die?
7. What's the difference between the effect of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and in that of Confirmation? According to para. 1313 and 1314, why do we have to wait for a bishop to confirm young baptized Catholics? What's the exception?