

Dialectic 02 (Baptism) Preparation Considerations

Note: Participation is mandatory; this is an individual assessment.

- Opening Remarks (This is free response - great time to get points).
 - Remark on his style. Can you sum up his argument (do so without adding your opinion)? What are some strengths? What are some weaknesses? Comment on how he did or did not support his assertions? How constructive were his analogies?
- Be able to talk about whether Baptism is 'all that is necessary for salvation.'
 - Does the Catholic Church teach that Baptism 'completes' our salvation?
- Baptism is the first step of the journey...be able to speak about the journey.
 - Know about the journey and about RCIA's stages.
- If "access to grace is faith" (his words), speak about whose faith it must be.
 - Speak of the role of Church and Godparents.
- Why do we need baptism? What does it 'undo' and what does it 'do'.
 - Know about original sin and what affects it has on mankind.
- He said, "Jesus saves, not baptism." What is the Catholic Church position that Baptism saves...think causes?
 - Who's really responsible for the change? Think about 'why the sacraments are efficacious.'
- What demonstrates the gratuitousness of God's love in baptism?
 - Think about infants, the definitions of grace, etc.