

One 'Ohana: Sacraments of Initiation in their Original Order



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1. In the video, the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist were described as working together to bring us into full discipleship of Jesus Christ. When you think of these three sacraments, what different but complimentary meanings does each sacrament hold for you? How have Baptism and Confirmation been important in your life journey and how does Eucharist relate to and extend these?
2. Thinking of the children in your life, what are some examples of times when they showed you their interest, openness and love of God? Perhaps they even "evangelized" you by the way they were just being themselves, by simply being a child beloved by God.
3. A vision of youth ministry was presented in which our youth are more fully connected to the faith life and community of the parish, keeping them open to receiving God, to treasuring their faith and to emboldening them to go out into the world to share it. What do you hope for the (pre-)teens in your parish? What do you hope for your parish as a result of the active faith life of your (pre-)teens?
4. Bishop Silva suggested that what we are trying to accomplish with the original order of the sacraments of initiation is to make disciples, to give children the opportunity to know Jesus, to be filled with the Spirit of Christ and to go forth to share the Good News with others. What is your reaction to this desire that is being expressed by our bishop?