

# Additional Resources

**Baptism Matters** provides all the resources you need for your baptism-preparation program. In addition to the online modules, we have created the following:

- **INTAKE FORM:** Our intake form can be printed or saved digitally and insures that you have the complete information on the family easily accessible
- **INTERVIEW GUIDE:** This guide provides mentors with a structure for conducting an initial family interview and gives tips for ways to form a connection with the family.
- **CHOOSING A GODPARENT:** The choice of godparent can be vital in the spiritual development of the child. This section of the Interview Guide will give mentors the tools to facilitate a conversation with the family about how to best choose a godparent.
- **IN-PERSON FAITH SHARING SESSION MATERIALS:** Fostering a sense of community among families with newly-baptized children is an excellent way to keep them connected with your parish. Bringing them together with their mentors to pray, read Scripture, and share their faith before celebrating the sacrament will provide a foundation for them to move forward, supporting one another in their faith life.
- **AUTOMATED EMAILS:** As part of the program, significant dates will be captured, and personalized emails will be automatically generated on the anniversary of the baptism, the child's birthday, religious holidays and other special days, including a reminder when the child approaches the age of preparation for First Eucharist. This will help keep the family connected to the parish without overburdening staff.
- **DISCUSSION GROUP:** A special **Baptism Matters** Facebook community will provide a private forum for parents to connect and share their experiences. The group will be monitored by RENEW International pastoral representatives to help facilitate conversations.

## THE MISSION OF RENEW INTERNATIONAL

*To renew personal faith and parish life—  
unlocking the power of small groups  
by equipping laity and clergy  
to share their Catholic faith and live it every day.*



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Baptism preparation for families  
through the lens of evangelization



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## An Evangelizing Moment

Parents bring their children for baptism for a wide variety of reasons. While we always hope that parents will come because they want to pass on their deep faith to their children, whatever brings them to our door is a cause for rejoicing. We have an opportunity for evangelization before us. **Baptism Matters** not only prepares parents and godparents to fully enter into the sacrament with their child, but also provides parishes with the tools to transform sacramental preparation into an evangelizing experience.



## A Program for Today

RENEW International knows that people are busier than ever. That is why we have created a flexible online solution that gives both parish staff and parents access to materials wherever and whenever works for them. The program is presented in online learning modules; each module includes an assessment quiz or game and provides a certification upon completion.



## PARISH STAFF AND BAPTISM TEAM MODULES

These six modules have been designed to train the entire staff and parish team, from the receptionist answering the phone to the parish ministers and pastors. It will give them the tools to transform the baptism preparation process into a series of evangelizing moments.

**Vision of Parish as Mission Driven**

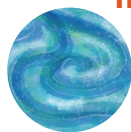
**Welcome Matters**

**Who Are Our Families?**

**Baptism Matters for Team Program**

**Introduction to Baptism Matters**

**Training for Mentors**



## PARENT AND FAMILY MODULES

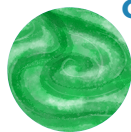
These four modules have been created for parents or other family members who will be acting as the primary caregivers for the child being baptized.

**Baptism Matters**

**Baptism, The Church, and You**

**Passing on the Faith to Your Child**

**Ceremony, Signs, and Symbols**



## GODPARENT MODULES

In spite of the huge impact that godparents can have on the faith journey of a child, many programs overlook these vital role models. This module will provide guidance and support to those who will take on this important responsibility.

**Baptism Matters for Godparents**

**Passing on the Faith to Your Godchild**

**Ceremony, Signs, and Symbols for Godparents**



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to learn more and watch a video sample.