

Rectoría de San Juan de Dios  
The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle B  
Is 55, 1-11; Ps 29; 1 Jn 5, 1-9; Mk 1, 7-11  
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## Let Us Consecrate Ourselves for the Mission

When John the Baptist announces in the desert that someone has now come after him who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit, we understand that we are consecrated in this baptism inaugurated by Jesus on a day like today and completed by Him on the day of His death on the cross and by His resurrection.

Just as with Jesus in the Jordan, we were consecrated at the baptismal font for the same mission, but within our own spheres. A new relationship with God is brought about from this consecration. In the celebration of the baptism of Jesus, into which we can integrate our own, we enter into the daily life of our interactions with Him and His Father in the Holy Spirit. Baptism is like a bridge that Jesus has built for us to come to God in Him. It is thanks to this intimate relationship with Jesus that we can consecrate ourselves for the mission.

If we look at the world clearly, we see that it needs to become more familiar with taking this step from the profane to the sacred. Often we find ourselves in a reality from which God is missing; testimonies from consecrated persons are needed to help the world to understand the dynamic of the full relationship with God,

We can say that by consecrating ourselves for the mission, we can consecrate the world, filling it with the life of the Spirit.

### 1-Let us be fruitful.

Ever since we were chosen through baptism, the Lord found us in need of fruitfulness. In the first reading from Isaiah, we can hear that the Father of Jesus calls us: “...come to the water...I will renew an everlasting covenant with you.”

The Word of God is presented here as rain that does not return to the heavens without having watered the earth, without having germinated the seed. Let us allow ourselves to be made fruitful listening to the Word of God and allowing it to complete its mission. Since our baptism, we also are a word spoken by the Father; we cannot return to Him without bearing fruit.

### 2-Let us be born of God.

If we became “other Christs” through our baptism, it is because we were born to a new life in Jesus. We were born to overcome the world and for this a more pure testimony of our faith is needed.

We are called to testify through the Spirit, through water and blood. That is, through the new life that we received from God, and through the water and the blood that flowed from the side of Jesus when it was opened by the lance.

As we can see, we who are born of God have this commitment: to testify that God has given us eternal life in His Son.

### 3-Let us nourish ourselves with God.

Faithfulness to God dispels our loneliness, especially the deepest loneliness that arises in us when we distance

ourselves from our belonging and consecration. To be far from God is the most grave error that we can commit.

Jesus leads us to a relationship of commitment to His Father. With baptism, not only are we submerged in the waters of the Jordan with Jesus, but we are also submerged in His redemptive blood that purifies and saves us. When we hear in the Gospel that the Father God is well pleased with Christ, and now with us, this means that God loves us like Sons and is pleased that we have allied ourselves with the plan of Jesus.

Let us discover today that we were consecrated in the world for an important mission: to instill in others the Spirit of Sons that can consecrate them in faithfulness to God.

How do you perceive your baptismal consecration?  
How have you used it?