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We Receive the Sacraments of Initiation

The early followers of Jesus were known as his disciples. Even today if we claim to be Christians and choose to follow Jesus, then we, too, are his disciples. The Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, are our entrance into a community of disciples. They are our initiation into the Church.

ACTIVITY

Bird Feeder All God's creatures should feel the welcome that your home extends. Make a simple bird feeder by putting peanut butter on a pine cone or corncob. Roll the cone or cob in birdseed. Hang it from a tree or put it out on a windowsill. Watch birds come!

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Look for signs of welcoming. Do people smile and speak to your family before or after Mass?

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Saint of The Week



Saint Frances Cabrini
(1850–1917)

Frances Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. In Italy, she founded the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children. As a U.S. citizen, she worked in New York with Italian immigrants.

Patron Saint of: immigrants
Feast Day: November 13



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Oh God, help us to reach out to newcomers as Saint Frances did. Teach us to welcome them to our Church and to appreciate our own membership in the Church. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Anointing with Oil Since ancient times, Jews have used oil to anoint people and sacred objects. God instructed Moses to anoint the Ark of the Covenant, the sacred chest that held the Ten Commandments. The prophet Samuel anointed David as king by pouring oil over his head. David became God's representative, chosen to rule the people with justice. Following our Jewish heritage, Catholics use oil for anointing and blessing in many of the sacraments.

Read about the anointing of David in 1 Samuel 16:1–13.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Liturgy

Easter Vigil In the early days of the Church, new members were welcomed into the community of believers during the Easter Vigil service. During this initiation ceremony, new Catholics were baptized, confirmed, and received First Eucharist. In recent years, the Church has restored the initiation tradition and now each year many people enter the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA).