

“The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE -:

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and...a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”
(Luke 3:21-22)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

If we, in a “living Baptism,” leave this river of worldly (or even liturgical) patterns as Jesus did, then the Eternal Father will do for us what He did for Jesus: He will speak to us or certify with some luminous sign from Heaven that we too (in a certain way) are “beloved sons!” (cf. SLC, p. 37)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to baptism, St. Hippolytus says: *“Whoever goes down into these waters of rebirth with faith renounces the devil and pledges himself to Christ. He repudiates the enemy and confesses that Christ is God, throws off his servitude, and is raised to filial status. He comes up from baptism resplendent as the sun, radiant in his purity, but above all, he comes as a son of God and a coheir with Christ.”*
(HIPPOLYTUS, in *Off. of Read.*, Tuesday after Epiphany to Baptism)

¹NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen):

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Then follows ...

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...
- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria ...”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...