11. Catechumens are unbaptized persons who are taking instructions to become Catholics

12. Who can receive the Sacrament of Baptism; any unbaptized person may receive Baptism. If the person has reached what is called the "age of reason" (the age at which a person is able to understand) he or she must also want to receive the sacrament and have faith and sorrow for sin, with the intention of avoiding future sin.

13. Baptism is necessary for salvation for everyone who has heard the Good News. Through Baptism our sins are forgiven, we receive the life of grace, are made children of God, and are incorporated into Christ and his Church

14. Since Baptism is necessary for salvation, what will happen to those Christian people who, through no fault of their own, have not received it? Can they be saved? Those who through no fault of their own have not received the sacrament of Baptism can be saved through what is called Baptism of blood or Baptism of desire

15. Baptism of blood is the reception of grace by an un-baptized person because the person gives his or her life for love of Christ.

16. Baptism of desire is the reception of grace because of perfect love of God or perfect contrition for sin and the desire to do God's will. In other words, if the person were able to receive the sacrament, he or she would have been baptized

17. How do non-Christians receive salvation. Anyone who lives a good, upright life, who seeks the truth, or who does the will of God as he or she knows it, can be saved. These persons would ask for Baptism if they knew about it.

18. The Church baptizes infants so that they may be reborn to the divine life of grace in Christ Jesus and become heirs of heaven. Children should be baptized within the first few weeks after birth. Catholic parents who put it off for a long time, or entirely neglect to baptize their children, deprive them of the priceless sacrament of faith. Believing parents desire that their children grow up in Christ, as members of the Church, free of the impediment of original sin.

19. Should an infant be baptized without the permission of a parent or guardian? An infant should not be baptized without the permission of a parent or guardian, except when in danger of death. The parent or guardian must see to the Christian upbringing of a baptized child, for the infant is baptized "in the faith of the Church!'

20. What happens to infants who die unbaptized? The Church entrusts these infants to God's mercy Since God wills that all be saved, it is reasonable to hope that in his mercy he will provide salvation and eternal beatitude