

Chapter 18

Belonging

So, then you are no longer strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

To the Parent:

In chapter 18 your child learned to:

- Name the sacraments of initiation
- Identify signs of belonging in the sacraments
- Celebrate his or her own belonging to the Church
- Make others feel welcome

You are a person of faith today because someone welcomed you into the life of faith, into the Church. For some, this initiation took place in our infancy, at a time chosen for us by our parents. At this celebration, a community of faith said, “Welcome! You belong here. You are a part of Christ’s body. You are one of the People of God!” For others, this welcoming took place after a search for this faith and community. Either way, this initiation has led us and continues to lead us toward oneness with God. Those who belong to the community of faith have the challenge of living the Good News every day. When we meet this challenge, belonging to the Church becomes *being* Church. We *are* the Church.

With Your Child:

1. Talk about the sacraments of initiation that each family member has already received. How does each family member feel about belonging to the Church?
2. Who are your child’s godparents? Talk about why they were chosen.
3. Read about Saint Boniface on the Review and Explore page.