

BAPTISMAL SPIRITUALITY AS CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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ABSTRACT

This Doctor of Ministry praxis thesis is an exploration and an attempt to understand the role of infant baptism in the life of the Church as either the central source of our identity in faith, or what has become, in many cases, a simple ritual on the periphery of the Church and the family. The question central to my praxis thesis is, “How can the church better understand what baptism means to parents who present their children for baptism, and help those parents honor the vows of baptism of pre-confirmation children?”