

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



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - **MARK** -:

*“It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John...At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.” (Mark 1:9, 13)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

What does the Lord mean by this phrase, when He says, *“Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God” (John 3:5)?* Tell me, you who have received the Sacrament of Baptism: with what SPIRIT are you living out your particular Christian mission? That is, with what SPIRIT are you imitating your Christ? (cf. SLC, p. 130c)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to the importance of living out one’s Baptism, the Second Vatican Council says: *“All Christians... are bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of [their] word, that new man put on at baptism.”* (VATICAN COUNCIL II, Decree *Ad Gentes*, 7 December 1965, n. 11)

<sup>1</sup>NABRE (USCCB)

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### 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 ...*