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## **“You are a child of God”**

Baptism makes us fideles, faithful. This is a word that was used -- like sancti, the saints -- by the first followers of Jesus to refer to one another. These words are still used today: we speak of the faithful of the Church. Think about this. (The Forge, 622)

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Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him...and lo, a voice from heaven,

saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt 3:13,17).

In Baptism, God our Father has taken possession of our lives. He has made us share in the Christ’s life and sent us the Holy Spirit.

The strength and the power of God light up the face of the earth.

We will set the world ablaze, with the flames of the fire that you came to enkindle on earth! And the light of your truth, our Jesus, will enlighten men’s minds in an endless day.

I can hear you crying out, my King, in your strong and ardent voice: *ignem veni mittere in terram, et quid volo nisi ut accendatur?* I have come to bring fire to the earth, and would that it were already enkindled!—And I answer, with my entire being, with all my senses and faculties: *ecce ego:*

*quia vocasti me!* Here I am, because  
you have called me!

God has placed an indelible mark  
upon your soul through Baptism: you  
are a child of God.

Child, are you not aflame with the  
desire to bring all men to love Him?  
(Holy Rosary, First Mystery of Light)

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