

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

Chapter One

The Paschal Mystery in the Age of the Church

Article 1

THE LITURGY—WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

III. The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Liturgy

1094 It is on this harmony of the two Testaments that the Paschal catechesis of the Lord is built, and then, that of the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church. This catechesis unveils what lay hidden under the letter of the Old Testament: the mystery of Christ. It is called “typological” because it reveals the newness of Christ on the basis of the “figures” (types) which announce him in the deeds, words, and symbols of the first covenant. By this re-reading in the Spirit of Truth, starting from Christ, the figures are unveiled. Thus the flood and Noah’s ark prefigured salvation by Baptism, as did the cloud and the crossing of the Red Sea. Water from the rock was the figure of the spiritual gifts of Christ, and manna in the desert prefigured the Eucharist, “the true bread from heaven.”

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

Chapter One

The Paschal Mystery in the Age of the Church

Article 1

THE LITURGY—WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

III. The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Liturgy

1095 For this reason the Church, especially during Advent and Lent and above all at the Easter Vigil, re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the “today” of her liturgy. But this also demands that catechesis help the faithful to open themselves to this spiritual understanding of the economy of salvation as the Church’s liturgy reveals it and enables us to live it.