

## Virgin Birth

**John 3:3-6:** *Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?"<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."<sup>6</sup> What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit.*

**CCC 505:** *By his virginal conception, Jesus, the New Adam, ushers in the new birth of children adopted in the Holy Spirit through faith. "How can this be?" Participation in the divine life arises "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God". The acceptance of this life is virginal because it is entirely the Spirit's gift to man.*

**CCC 1683:** *The Church who, as Mother, has borne the Christian sacramentally in her womb during his earthly pilgrimage, accompanies him at his journey's end, in order to surrender him "into the Father's hands." She offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of his grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory. This offering is fully celebrated in the Eucharistic sacrifice; the blessings before and after Mass are sacramentals.*