

## **YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE OUT TO ALL**

Immediately after you were baptized, you were clothed in a bright robe and were given a lighted candle. The Priest said: **“Receive this lighted candle and, during your entire life, strive to shine with the light of faith and good deeds...”** These words echo the words of Christ, Who said: **“You are the light of the world...So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in heaven.”** *Matthew 5:14,16.* When the goodness, love, and mercy of God is displayed in the way we live, people will be drawn to the Light of God, the Source of all good, love, and mercy. Attracted to the Light, people may also see the goodness of the Church and be drawn to participate in her faith and life, and so find salvation. **“But, if we walk in the light, as He also is in the light, we have fellowship, one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.”** *1 John 1:7.*

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