



## *Reflection from Ben Babaran*

In the first reading, reflecting on the cloak of Elijah which was cast upon Elisha makes me remember the pre-baptism classes I have taught. I get excited when I start explaining the explanatory rites in the sacrament of Baptism. At the rite of clothing, we hear: "...you have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." These little rites give the baptized person the same Divine mandate in the similar way Elisha received his from Elijah.

By the virtue of our Baptism, all of us received the Divine Mandate from Christ to follow Him. So, we cannot afford to look back. Hands have been laid on the plough and we have no other obligation than to walk in the ways of Christ. Besides, to look back is dangerous.

You and I have had the cloak of Elijah cast upon us. The old ways are dead and gone. Let the dead bury their dead.

*Peace,*

*Ben*