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# Case Study – Understanding Culture Competence

*Refer to the Child Welfare Competency Domains and the Case Study for Aaron and Amber located in the resource section of the SR Hub, and respond to the scenario listed below.*

The children's foster parents, Mr. and Ms. Smith, are devoted members of a church, which emphasizes baptism as the only way to salvation. They have been taking Aaron and Amber to their church, and are anxious to have the children baptized. When the worker approaches Ms. Mason about this, she strenuously objects, explaining that she is Catholic and the children have already been baptized in her religion. The foster parents' church does not recognize this baptism, and they also want to have the new baby baptized in their church.

Discuss the issues involved in this situation, including the importance of religion for everyone involved, the rights of the mother, the role of foster parents, etc. Also, discuss how a conversation might go between Ms. Mason and the foster parents regarding their religious beliefs, emphasizing their commonality in Christian faith and seeking a mutually agreeable resolution. For example, the foster parents could be involved in the baby's baptism in the mother's church, etc.

**I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding Understanding Culture Competence:**