

BAPTISM OF A CHILD



*THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM
OF THE ROMAN RITE*

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RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

The priest, wearing a purple stole, receives the parents and sponsors together with the child at the door of the church, and asks:

Priest: What is your name?

The sponsor says the name:

Sponsor: N.

Priest: N., what are you asking of God's Church?

Sponsor: Faith.

Priest: What does faith offer you?

Sponsor: Everlasting life.

Priest: If, then, it is life that you wish to enter, keep the commandments. Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind; and love your neighbour as you love yourself.

He then blows gently three times on the face of the infant, saying once.

Priest: Exi ab eo/ea, immunde spiritus, et da locum Spirítui Sancto Paráclito.

After that, using his thumb, he makes the sign of the cross on the forehead and on the breast of the infant saying:

Priest: Accipe signum Crucis tam in ✠ fronte, quam in ✠ corde, sume fidem cælestium præceptorum: et talis esto moribus, ut templum Dei iam esse possis.

Priest: Oremus.

Preces nostras, quaesumus, Domine, clementer exaudi; et hunc electum tuum (**hanc electam tuam**), **N.** crucis Dominicae impressione signatum(**-am**), perpetua virtute custodi; ut magnitudinis gloriae tuae rudimenta servans, per custodiam mandatorum, ad regenerationis gloriam pervenire mereatur.

Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The priest places his hand on the infant's head and then, with his hand extended, he says:

Priest: Oremus.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, Pater Dómini nóstri Iésu Chrísti, respícere dignáre super hunc fámulum tuum (**hanc famulam tuam**), **N.**, quem (**quam**) ad rudiménta fidei vocáre dignátus es: omnem caecitátem cordi ab eo (**ea**) expélle: disrúmpe omnes láqueos Sátanae, quibus fúerat colligatus(**-a**); áperi ei, Dómine iánuam pietátis tuae, ut signo sapiéntie tuæ imbutus(**-a**), ómnium cupiditátum fetóribus cáreat, et ad suávem odórem praeceptórum tuórum laetus(**-a**) tibi in Ecclésia tua desérviat, et profíciat de die in diem.

Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING OF SALT

The Priest blesses the salt:

Priest: Exorcízo te, creatúra salis, in nómine Dei ✠ Patris omnipoténtis, et in caritáte Dómini nostri Iesu ✠ Christi, et in virtúte Spíritus ✠ Sancti. Exorcízo te per Deum ✠ vivum, per

Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum, per Deum ✠, qui te ad tutelam humáni géneris procreávit, et pópulo veniénti ad credulitátem per servos suos consecrári præcépit, ut in nómine sanctæ Trinitátis efficiáris salutáre sacraméntum ad effugándum inimícum. Proínde rogámus te, Dómine Deus noster, ut hanc creatúram salus sanctificándo sanctí- ✠ fices, et benedicéndo bene- ✠ dícas, ut fiat ómnibus accipientibus perfécta medicína, pérmanens in viscéribus eórum, in nómine ejúsdem Dómini nostri Iesu Christi, qui ventúrus est iudicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sæculum per ignem.

All: Amen.

The priest puts some of the blessed salt in the mouth of the child.

Priest: N., take this salt in sign of wisdom. May it be for you likewise a token that foreshadows everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Oremus.

Deus patrum nostrórum, Deus univérsæ cónditor veritátis, te súpplices exorámus, ut hunc fámulum tuum (**hanc famulam tuam**) respícere dignéris propítius, et hoc primum pábulum salis gustántem, non diútius esuríre permíttas, quo minus cibo expleátur cælésti, quátenus sit semper spírítu fervens, spe gaudens, tuo semper nómini sérvíens. Perduc eum (**eam**), Dómine, quæsumus ad novae regeneratiónis lavácrum, ut cum fidélibus tuis promissiónum tuárum aetérna præmia cónsequi mereátur.

Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

All: Amen.

FIRST EXORCISM

Here follows the first exorcism of the evil spirit.

Priest: Exorcízo te, immúnde spíritus, in nómine Patris ✠ et Filii ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sancti, ut éxeas, et recédas ab hoc fámulo (**hac famula**) Dei **N.**: ipse enim tibi ímperat, maledícite damnáte, qui pédibus super mare ambulávit, et Petro mergénti déxteram porréxit.

Ergo, maledícite diábole, recognósce senténtiam tuam, et da honórem Deo vivo et vero, da honórem Iesu Christo Fílio eius, et Spiritui Sancto, et recéde ab hoc fámulo (**hac famula**) Dei **N.**, quia istum(-am) sibi Deus et Dóminus noster Iesus Christus ad suam sanctam grátiam, et benedictiónem, fontémque Baptismatis vocáre dignátus est.

The priest makes the sign of the Cross on the forehead of the child.

Priest: Et hoc signum sanctae Crucis, ✠ quod nos fronti eius damus, tu, maledícite diábole, numquam áudeas violáre.

Per eúndem Christum, Dóminum nostrum.

All: Amen.

The priest places his hand on the infant's head and then, with his hand extended, he says:

Priest: Oremus.

Aetérnam, ac iustíssimam pietátem tuam déprecor, Dómine, sancte, Pater omnípotens, aetérne Deus, auctor lúminis et veritátis, super hunc fámulum tuum (**hanc famulam tuam**) **N.**, ut dignéris eum (**eam**) illumináre lúmine intelligéntiae tuae: munda eum (**eam**), et sanctífica: da ei sciéntiam veram, ut, dignus grátia Baptismi tui efféctus(-a), téneat firmam spem, consílium rectum, doctrínam sanctam.

Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

All: Amen.

The priest puts the end of the stole which hangs from his left shoulder upon the child and leads him into the church, saying:

Priest: **N.!** Come into God's sanctuary where you will be given a share with Christ in everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Once inside the church, the procession will make its way towards the baptistery, while a hymn or psalm is sung. The priest then gives a short homily.

THE CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE SECOND EXORCISM

Before arriving at the baptismal font, another exorcism of the evil spirit takes place. With his back to the baptismal font, the priest says:

Priest: Exorcízo te, omnis spíritus immunde, in nómine Dei ✠ Patris omnipoténtis, et in nómine Iesu ✠ Christi Fílii eius, Dómini et Iúdicis nostri, et in virtúte, Spíritus ✠ Sancti, ut discédas ab hoc plásmate Dei **N.**, quod Dóminus noster ad templum sanctum suum vocáre dignátus est, ut fiat templum Dei vivi, et Spíritus Sanctus hábitet in eo.

Per eúndem Christum, Dóminum nostrum, qui ventúrus est iudicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sáeculum per ignem.

All: Amen.

After this, the priest touches the ears and nostrils of the infant with his thumb. While he touches the ears, first the right, then the left ear, he says:

Priest: Éphpheta, quod est, Adaperíre:

He then touches the nostrils, saying:

Priest: In ódorem suavitátis. Tu aútem effugáre diábole; appropinquábit enim iudícium Dei.

He then questions the one to be baptised, to renounce the Devil:

Priest: **N.**, do you renounce Satan?

Sponsor: I do renounce him.

Priest: And all his works?

Sponsor: I do renounce them.

Priest: And all his pomps?

Sponsor: I do renounce them.

Dipping his thumb in the oil of catechumens, the priest anoints the infant on the breast and between the shoulders, making the sign of the cross and saying once:

Priest: Ego te línio ✠ óleo salútis in Christo Iesu Dómino nostro, út hábeas vitam aetérnam.

All: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

The priest replaces the purple stole with a white one, and then goes to the baptismal font with the parents, sponsors and the infant.

Priest: **N.** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Sponsor: I do believe.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world and suffered for us?

Sponsor: I do believe.

Priest: And do you believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Sponsor: I do believe.

Priest: **N.** Do you wish to be baptised?

Sponsor: I do.

Whilst one of the sponsors holds the child (or places a hand on the infant), the priest pours water on the child's head, as he says:

Priest: **N.** Ego te baptizo in nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ Sancti.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Then the priest dips his thumb in the sacred chrism and anoints the infant on the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying as he does:

Priest: Deus omnípotens, Pater Dómini nostri Iesu Christi, qui te regenerávit ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedit tibi remissionem ómnium peccatórum, ipse te líneat ✠ Chrísmati salútis in eódem Christo Iesu Dómino nostro in vitam aetérnam.

All: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

BESTOWAL OF THE WHITE ROBE

The priest puts the white baptismal garments over the child, as he says:

Priest: Receive this white robe and carry it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life.

All: Amen.

BESTOWAL OF THE CANDLE

The priest hands the sponsor a lighted candle.

Priest: Receive this lighted candle, and keep your Baptism above reproach. Keep the commandments of God, so that when the Lord comes to His marriage feast you may meet Him in the

halls of heaven with all His saints, and may live with Him forever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUSION

Priest: Go in peace, **N.**, and may the Lord be with you.

All: Amen.

