

THE RITE FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

(EXTRAORDINARY FORM)



1. The priest interrogates the child:

Priest: **N., what dost thou ask of the Church of God?**

Sponsor: *Faith.*

Priest: **What does faith bestow on thee?**

Sponsor: *Life everlasting.*

2. Priest:

If then thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments:

thou shall love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

3. Then he gently blows three times on the face of the infant, and says:

**Exi ab eo (ea), immúnde spíritus, et
da locum Spíritui Sancto Paráclito.**

Depart from him (her), unclean spirit,
and give place to the Holy Spirit, the Ad-
vocate.

4. With his thumb he makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead and breast of the infant, saying:

**Accipe signum Crucis tam in
fron+te, quam in cor+de, sume fi-
dem caeléstium praeceptórum: et
talis esto móribus, ut templum Dei
jam esse possis.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your +
brow and on your + heart. Put your whole
trust in the heavenly teachings. And lead
a life that will truly fit you to be a dwelling
place for God.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear our entreaty, O Lord, we beseech thee, and with thine unfailing might guard thy chosen one, N., now signed with the seal of our Lord's holy cross. Help him (her) to hold fast to this first acquaintance with thy majestic glory, that in keeping thy commandments, he (she) may deserve to attain the everlasting bliss destined for all who are born anew. Through Christ our Lord.

R. *Amen.*

5. He now lays his hand upon the head of the child; then with outstretched hand he says:

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Deign to regard with favor thy servant (handmaid) whom it has pleased thee to call to the beginnings of faith. Drive out from him (her) all blindness of heart. Sunder all snares of Satan which hitherto bound him (her); open to him (her) the gate of thy fatherly love, that dedicated with the seal of thy wisdom, he (she) may remain unsullied from every evil desire. And inspired by the loveliness of thy precepts, may he (she) serve thee with glad heart in thy Church, advancing in perfection from day to day. Through the selfsame Christ our Lord.

R. *Amen.*

6. The priest blesses and exercises the salt.

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 tutélam 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 salis sanctificándo sanctí+fices, et benedicendo bene+dícas, ut fiat omnibus accipiéntibus perfecta medicína, pérmanens in viscéribus eórum, in nómine eiúsdem Dómini nostri Iesu Christi, qui ventúrus est iudicáre vivos et

God's creature, salt, I cast out the demon from you, in the name of God + the Father almighty, in the love of our Lord Jesus + Christ, and in the strength of the Holy + Spirit. I purify you by the living + God, the true + God, the holy + God, by God + who created you to be a preservative for mankind, and ordered you to be sanctified by His ministers for the benefit of the people who are about to embrace the faith. In the name of the Blessed Trinity may you become a saving sign empowered to drive away the enemy. Therefore, we beg you, Lord, our God, to sanctify + and to bless + this creature, salt, thus providing a perfect remedy for all who receive it, one that will permeate their inmost being. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

mórtuos, et sæculum per ignem.

R. *Amen.*

7. He puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the child, saying:

N., accipe sal sapiéntiae: propitiatio
sit tibi in vitam aetérnam.

N., take this salt in sign of wisdom. May
it be for you likewise a token that fore-
shadows everlasting life.

R. *Amen.*

Priest: **Pax Tecum.**

R. *Et cum spíritu tuo.*

Priest: **Let us pray.**

GOD of our fathers, O God, thou source of all truth, humbly we implore thee to look with mercy upon this thy servant (handmaid), N., and no more let him (her) hunger who now tastes this first nourishment of salt. But let him (her) be enriched with heavenly food, so that he (she) may ever be inflamed with zeal, joyous in hope, constant in serving thee. We bid thee, Lord, lead him (her) to the bath where one is born anew, that in the company of thy faithful he (she) may deserve to win the everlasting reward which thou hast promised. Through Christ our Lord.

R. *Amen.*

**Exorcízo te, immúnde spíritus, in
nómine Pa+tris, et Fí+lii, et Spíri-
tus + Sancti, ut éxeas et recédas
ab hoc fámulo (hac fámula) Dei N.:
Ipse enim tibi ímperat, maledícite
damnáte, qui pédibus super mare
ambulávit, et Petro mergénti délix-
teram porréxit.**

**Ergo, maledícite diábole, recognósce
senténtiam tuam, et da honórem
Deo vivo et vero, da honórem Iesu
Christo Fílio eius, et Spirítui Sancto,**

I cast you out, unclean spirit, in the name
of the Father, + and of the Son, + and
of the Holy + Spirit. Depart and stay far
away from this servant of God, N.. For it is
the Lord Himself who commands you, ac-
cursed and doomed spirit, He who walked
on the sea and reached out His hand to
Peter as he was sinking.

So then, foul fiend, recall the curse that
decided your fate once for all. Indeed, pay
homage to the living and true God, pay
homage to Jesus Christ, His Son, and to

et recede ab hoc fámulo (hac fámula) Dei N., quia istum (istam) sibi Deus, et Dóminus noster Iesus Christus ad suam sanctam grátiam, et benedictiónem, fontémque Baptísmatis vocáre dignátus est.

the Holy Spirit. Keep far from this servant of God, N., for Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, has freely called him (her) to His holy grace and blessed way and to the waters of baptism.

8. Here he signs with his thumb the forehead of the child, saying:

Et hoc signum sanctae Cru+cis, quod nos fronti ejus damus, tu, maledícite diábole, numquam áudeas violáre. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

Never dare, accursed fiend, to desecrate this seal of the holy + cross which we imprint upon his (her) brow; through Christ our Lord.

R. *Amen.*

9. He lays his hand upon the child's head; then with outstretched hand he says:

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, Author of light and truth, I entreat for this thy servant (handmaid), N., thine unfailing and righteous mercy. May it please thee to enlighten him (her) with the light of thine understanding. Cleanse and sanctify him (her). Endow him (her) with true knowledge, so that he (she) may be made worthy of the grace of thy baptism, and thus remain steadfast in firm hope, right purpose, and holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord.

R. *Amen.*

10. The priest places the end of the stole which hangs from his left shoulder upon the child and leads him into the church, the while he says:

N., enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ unto life everlasting.

R. *Amen.*

11. After they have come into church, the priest leads the way to the font, praying aloud together with the sponsors:

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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from 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.

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.

Exorcízo te, omnis immúnde spíritus, in nómine Dei + Patris omnipoténtis, et in nómine Iesu + Christi Fílii eius, Dómine 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 sæculum per ignem.

I cast you out, every unclean spirit, in the name of God + the Father almighty, in the name of Jesus + Christ, His Son, our Lord and judge, and in the power of the Holy + Spirit. Begone, Satan, from God's handiwork, N. Because our Lord graciously called him/her to His holy sanctuary, where he (she) will become a dwelling place for the living God, a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

R. *Amen.*

13. The priest moistens his thumb with his saliva (this part of the rite may be omitted whenever there is a reasonable objection on the score of its being unsanitary or where there is danger of contracting or communicating disease), and touches the ears and nostrils of the child. He touches the right ear then the left, saying only once:

Ephpheta, quod est, Adaperire.

Ephpheta, which means: Be opened.

Then he touches the nostrils, one after the other, adding:

In odórem suavitátis. Tu autem effugáre, diábole: appropinquábit enim judícium Dei.

And perceive the fragrance of God's loving ways. But you, evil spirit, begone, for the judgment of God has come.

14. Now he questions the candidate by name:

Priest: **N., dost thou renounce Satan?**

Sponsor: *I do renounce him.*

Priest: **And all his works?**

Sponsor: *I do renounce them.*

Priest: **And all his allurements?**

Sponsor: *I do renounce them.*

15. Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens (OS). The priest dips his thumb in the Oil of Catechumens, and in the form of a cross anoints the child on the breast and between the shoulders on the back, saying only once for the two anointings:

Ego te línio + óleo salútis in Christo Iesu Dómino nostro, ut habeas vitam ætérrnam.

I anoint + you with the oil that sanctifies in Christ Jesus our Lord, that you may have everlasting life.

16. Thereupon he wipes his thumb and the places anointed with cotton or similar material.

17. Remaining in the same place outside the baptistery gates, he exchanges the purple stole for a white one. Then he enters the baptistery, followed by the sponsor with the child. At the baptismal font he interrogates the candidate by name, with the sponsor giving the answer:

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

Sponsor: *I do believe.*

Priest: **Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, his Sole-Begotten Son, our Lord, Who was born unto us and Who suffered for us?**

Sponsor: *I do believe.*

Priest: **Dost thou believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

Sponsor: *I do believe.*

18. He says to the candidate, calling him by name:

Priest: **N. wilt thou be baptized?**

Sponsor: *I will.*

19. With the godfather or godmother (or both if two have been selected) holding the child, the priest takes baptismal water with the ladle, pours it thrice in the form of a cross upon the child's head, and simultaneously pronounces only once distinctly and attentively the following words:

**N.,
ego te baptízo in nómine
Pa+tris, et Fí+lii,
et Spíritus + Sancti.**

(20-22 of the Ritual, regarding immersion and conditional baptisms, not included.)

23. Then the priest dips his right thumb into the holy Chrism, and in the form of a cross anoints the child on the crown of the head, saying:

Deus omnípotens, Pater Dómini nostri Iesu Christi, qui te regenerávit ex aqua et Spíritu Sancto, quique dedit tibi remissionem ómnium peccatórum, ipse te líniat + Chrísmate salútis in eódem Christo Iesu Dómino nostro in viatm æternam.

The almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has caused you to be born over again of water and the Holy Spirit and pardoned you all your sins. May He now anoint + you with the chrism that sanctifies in Christ Jesus our Lord, and bring you to everlasting life.

R. *Amen.*

24. He wipes his thumb and the place anointed with cotton. Then he puts a white linen cloth (in place of the white garment) upon the child's head, saying:

Receive this white garment, and carry it unsullied unto the judgment seat of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have life everlasting.

R. *Amen.*

25. Then he presents a lighted candle to the newly baptized or to the sponsor, saying:

Receive this burning light. Safeguard thy baptism by a blameless life. Keep the commandments of God, that when our Lord shall come for the heavenly nuptials thou mayest meet Him together with all the saints in the court of heaven, and live forever and ever.

R. *Amen.*

26. In conclusion he says:

N., vade in pace, et Dóminus sit tecum.

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

R. *Amen.*



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