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CATHOLIC PARISH



ONE IN CHRIST

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Thankyou

Baptism is a community ritual, please join in.

RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

The people may sing a psalm or hymn while the celebrating priest goes to the entrance of the church or to that part of the church where the parents and godparents are waiting with the child.

The celebrant greets all present. Then he questions the parents.

Celebrant: What name do you give this child?

Parents: N (Name of Child)

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for N?

Parents: Baptism

The celebrant addresses the parents in these or similar words:

Celebrant: You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do

Then the celebrant turns to the godparents:

Celebrant: Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are

Celebrant: N, with great joy the church of God welcomes you. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.



The celebrant signs the child on the forehead, in silence. Then he invites the parents and godparents to do the same.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD

One or even two gospel passages are read, during which all stand. After the reading the celebrant gives a short homily.



INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: My dear brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptised, on his/her parents and godparents, and on all the baptised.

Reader: *By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him/her the new life of baptism and welcome him/her into the holy Church. Lord, hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: *Through baptism and confirmation, make him/her your faithful follower and a witness to your Gospel.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: *Lead him/her by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom. Lord, hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: *Make the lives of his/her parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child. Lord, hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: *Keep his/her family always in your love. Lord, hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: *Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. Lord, hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer

The celebrant next invites all present to invoke the saints.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist, pray for us
Saint Joseph, pray for us

The names of other saints may be added. The litany concludes.

All: Holy men and women, pray for us.

PRAYERS OF EXORCISM AND ANNOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

After the invocation, the celebrant says:

Celebrant: Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child: set him/her free from original sin, make him/her a temple of your glory, and send your holy spirit to dwell with him/her. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Celebrant: We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour; may be strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

He anoints the child on the breast with the oil of catechumens.

CONSECRATION OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

(Rite of blessing taken from the Ritual)

All proceed to the Baptistry. A hymn or psalm may be sung.

Celebrant: My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give this child new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.



RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Dear parents and godparents, you have come here to present this child for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, he/she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin, profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised.

The celebrant questions the parent and godparents:

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?

Parents and godparents: I do

Celebrant: And all his works?

Parents and godparents: I do

Celebrant: And all his empty promises?

Parents and godparents: I do

Next the celebrant asks for the threefold profession of faith from the parents and godparents.



Celebrant : Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Parents and godparents: I do

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Parents and godparents: I do

Celebrant: Do you 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?

Parents and godparents: I do

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

ACTUAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

The celebrant invites the family to the font and questions the parents and godparents.

Celebrant: Is it your will that N should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents and godparents: It is



The celebrant baptises the child saying:

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father (pours water upon child)
And of the Son (pours water upon child a second time)
And of the Holy Spirit (pours water upon child a third time)

ANNOINTING WITH CHRISM

Celebrant: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

All: Amen

The celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head with the sacred chrism, in silence.

CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

Celebrant: Now, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment of 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.

All: Amen

The white garment is put on the child.

THE LIGHTED CANDLE



The celebrant takes the Easter candle and says:

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ
Someone from the family (such as the father or godfather) lights the child's candle from the Easter candle.

Celebrant: Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child with his thumb, saying:

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

All: Amen

CONCLUSION OF THE RITE

The celebrant stands in front of the altar and addresses the parents, godparents and the whole assembly in these words:

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He/she is now called the child of God, so indeed he/she is. In confirmation, he/she will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In holy communion, he/she will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her Father in the midst of the Church. In the name of this child, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 BLESSING

The celebrant first blesses the mother, who holds the child in her arms, then the father and lastly the whole assembly:

Celebrant: God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with him/her in thanking him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

Celebrant: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

Celebrant: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessings upon these sons and daughters of his. May he make them always, whenever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

Celebrant: May almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

All: Amen

