

ORDO BAPTISMI PARVULORUM

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

1. The Questioning

*The priest (deacon), vested in surplice and violet stole, interrogates each candidate and the **GODPARENTS** reply:*

V. N., quid petis ab Ecclesia Dei?	V. N., what do you ask of the Church of God?
R. Fidem.	R. Faith.
V. Fides quid tibi praestat?	V. What does the faith offer you?
R. Vitam aeternam.	R. Eternal life.

The priest (deacon) then says to each child separately:

V. Si igitur vis ad vitam ingredi, serva mandata. Diliges Dominum Deum tuum ex toto corde tuo, et ex tota anima tua, et ex tota mente tua, et proximum tuum sicut teipsum.	V. If, then, you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind; and your neighbor as yourself.
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2. The Exsufflation (First Exorcism) *The priest (deacon) then breathes three times on the face of the infant and says once (for each one separately):*

V. Exi ab eo (ea), immunde spiritus, et da locum Spiritui Sancto Paraclito.	V. Depart from him (her), unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the consoler.
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3. The Sign of the Cross

The priest (deacon) then makes the sign of the cross with his thumb upon the forehead and upon the breast of the infants, saying (to each one separately):✠

V. Accipe signum crucis tam in fron ✠ te, quam cor ✠ de, sume fidem caelestium praeceptorum: et talis esto moribus, ut templum Dei iam esse possis.	V. Receive the mark of the Cross on your ✠ forehead and within your ✠ heart. Embrace the faith with its divine teachings. So live that you will indeed be a temple of God.
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The following prayer is said in the plural for more than one:

V. 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 (-antur). Per Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.	V. Let us pray: We beg You, Lord God, graciously hear our prayers. Guard your chosen one, N., with the never failing power of the cross of Christ, with which he (she) has been marked. Protect him (her) so that, remaining true to the first lessons he (she) has learned about the great glory you will confer upon him (her), he (she) may, by keeping your commandments, attain to the glory of a new birth. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.
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4. The Imposition of the Hands *Then laying his hand on the head of the infant (each one separately), the priest (deacon) says (in the plural for more than one):*

<p>V. Oremus: Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, Pater Domini nostri Iesu Christi, respice dignare super hunc famulum tuum (hanc famulam tuam), N., quem (quam) ad rudimenta fidei vocare dignatus es: omnem caecitatem cordi ab eo (ea) expelle: disrumpe omnes laqueos Satanae, quibus fuerat (-ant) colligatus (-a); aperi ei, Domine ianuam pietatis tuae imbutus (-a), omnium cupiditatum foetoribus careat (-ant), et ad suavem odorem praeceptorum tuorum laetus tibi in Ecclesia tua deserviat, et proficiat de die in diem Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon this your servant, N., whom you have called to take his (her) first steps in the faith. Take from him (her) all blindness of heart. Free him (her) from the snares of Satan which until now have held him (her). Open to him (her), Lord, the gate of your mercy. Then, seasoned by the salt which is symbolic of your wisdom, may he (she) be relieved of the corruption of evil desires; and, finding pleasure in the keeping of your commandments, may he (she) serve you in your Church, and make progress from day to day in the way of perfection. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.</p>
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5. The Blessing of Salt {IN LATIN} *If blessed salt is not available, then the following is used to bless the salt first:*

<p>V. Exorcizo te, creatura salis, in nomine Dei ✠ Patris omnipotentis, et in caritate Domini nostri Iesu ✠ Christi, et in virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti. Exorcizo te per Deum ✠ vivum, per Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum, per Deum, ✠ qui te ad tutelam humani generis procreavit, et populo venienti ad credulitatem per servos suos consecrari praecepit, ut in nomine sanctae Trinitatis efficiaris salutare sacramentum ad effugandum inimicum. Proinde rogamus te, Domine Deus noster, ut hanc creaturam salis sanctificando sancti ✠ fices, et benedicendo bene ✠ dicas, ut fiat omnibus accipientibus perfecta medicina, permanens in visceribus eorum, in nomine eiusdem Domini nostri Iesu Christi, qui venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos, et saeculum per ignem. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. I exorcise you, creature of salt, in the name of God the Father ✠ almighty, in the love of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcise you by the living God ✠, by the true God, ✠ by the holy God, ✠ by God ✠ who has created you for the preservation of mankind, and hath appointed you to be consecrated by his servants for the people coming into the faith, that in the name of the Holy Trinity, you may be made a salutary sacrament to drive away the enemy. Wherefore, we beseech You, O Lord our God, that sanctifying ✠ You may sanctify this salt, and blessing ✠ You may bless it, that it may become to all who receive it a perfect medicine, abiding in their hearts, in the name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. R. Amen.</p>
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6. The Imposition of Salt

The priest (deacon) then puts a morsel of blessed salt upon the tongue of the infant, saying (to each separately if more than one):

<p>V. N., accipe sal sapientiae: propitiatio sit tibi in vitam aeternam. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. N., Receive the salt which is a symbol of wisdom. May it bring you God's favor for life everlasting. R. Amen.</p>
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The priest (deacon) says:

<p>V. Pax tecum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo. V. Oremus: Deus patrum nostrorum, Deus universae conditor veritatis, te supplices exoramus, ut hunc famulum tuum (hanc famulam tuam), N., respicere digneris propitius, et hoc primum pabulum salis gustantem, non diutius esurire permittas, quo minus cibo expleatur caelesti, quatenus sit semper spiritu fervens, spe gaudens, tuo semper nomini serviens. Perduc eum (eam), Domine, quaesumus ad novae regenerationis lavacrum, ut cum fidelibus tuis promissionum tuarum aeterna praemia consequi mereatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. Peace be with you R. And with your spirit. V. Let us pray: God of our fathers, God, the Author of all truth, we humbly ask you to look with favor on this your servant, N., who has had his (her) first taste of blessed food in the form of salt. Satisfy him (her) with the bread of heaven, so that he (she) may be forever fervent in spirit, joyful in hope, and zealous in your service. We ask you, Lord, to lead him (her) to the waters in which he (she) will be born again, so that he (she), with all who believe in you, may obtain the unending rewards of which you have promised. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.</p>
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7. The Second Exorcism {IN LATIN}

The priest (deacon) continues, saying in the plural if there is more than one:

<p>V. Exorcizo te, immunde spiritus, in nomine Patris ✠ et Filii ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sancti, ut ex eas, et recedas ab hoc famulo (hac famula) Dei N.: Ipse enim tibi imperat, maledicte damnate, qui pedibus super mare ambulavit, et Petro mergenti dexteram porrexit.</p> <p>Ergo, maledicte diabole, recognosce sententiam tuam, et da honorem Deo vivo et vero, da honorem Iesu Christo Filio eius, et Spiritui Sancto, et recede ab hoc famulo (hac famula) Dei N., quia istum (-am) sibi Deus et Dominus noster Iesus Christus ad suam sanctam gratiam, et benedictionem, fontemque Baptismatis vocare dignatus est.</p>	<p>V. I exorcise you, unclean spirit, in the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost that you go out and depart from this servant of God, N.: For He commands You, accursed one, Who walked upon the sea, and stretched out His right hand to Peter about to sink.</p> <p>Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge your sentence, and give honor to the living and true God: give honor to Jesus Christ His Son, and to the Holy Ghost; and depart from this servant of God, N., because God and our Lord Jesus Christ hath vouchsafed to call him (her) to His holy grace and benediction and to the font of Baptism.</p>
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8. The Sign of the Cross

Then the priest (deacon), making the sign of the cross with his thumb on the forehead of the infant, (signing separately if there is more than one) says:

<p>V. Et hoc signum sanctae Crucis, ✠ quod nos fronti eius damus, tu, maledicte diabole, numquam audeas violare. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. Accursed devil, never dare to desecrate this sign of the holy ✠ Cross, which we are tracing upon his (her) forehead. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.</p>
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9. The Imposition of Hands

The priest (deacon) next lays his hand upon the infant's head (upon each one separately) and says (in the plural for more than one):

V. Oremus:

Aeternam, ac iustissimam pietatem tuam deprecor, Domine, sancte Pater omnipotens, aeternae Deus, auctor luminis et veritatis, super hunc famulum tuum (hanc famulam tuam) **N.**, ut digneris eum (eam) illuminare lumine intelligentiae tuae: munda eum (eam), et sanctifica: da ei scientiam veram, ut, dignus (-a) gratia Baptismi tui effectus (-a), teneat (-ant) firmam spem, consilium rectum, doctrinam sanctam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Let us pray:

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, source of all light and truth, I humbly beg your never-ending and most holy mercy upon this servant of yours, **N.** May it please you to grant him (her) the light of your own wisdom. Cleanse him (her) and make him (her) holy. Give him (her) true knowledge, so that he (she) may be made worthy of the grace of your baptism and may maintain firm hope, sound judgment, and a grasp of holy doctrine.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

10. The Admission into the Church

The priest (deacon) then places the end of his stole on the infant (on the first if more than one, the others follow) and admits him into the Church, saying:

V. N., ingredere in templum Dei, ut habeas (-ant) partem cum Christo in vitam aeternam.

R. Amen.

V. N., enter into the temple of God, so that you may have part with Christ in everlasting life.

R. Amen.

11. The Credo and Pater

*Having entered the Church, the priest (deacon), while approaching the font, says in a loud voice (in Latin or in the vernacular, according to the circumstances) together with the **GODPARENTS**:*

Credo in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae. Et in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum: qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus: descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad caelos; sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; inde venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen. Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra. Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem: sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

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 rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, 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 the 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.

12. The Solemn Exorcism {IN LATIN}

Just before entering the baptistery, the priest (deacon) says (in the plural for more than one):

<p>V. Exorcizo te, omnis spiritus immunde, in nomine Dei ✠ Patris omnipotentis, et in nomine Iesu ✠ Christi Filii eius, Domini et Iudicis nostri, et in virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti, ut discedas ab hoc plasmate Dei N., quod Dominus noster ad templum sanctum suum vocare dignatus est, ut fiat templum Dei vivi, et Spiritus Sanctus habitet in eo. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum, qui venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos, et saeculum per ignem. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. I exorcise you, 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 ✠ Ghost, that you depart from this creature of God N., which our Lord hath deigned to call unto His holy temple, that it may be made the temple of the living God, and that the Holy Ghost may dwell therein. Through the same Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. R. Amen.</p>
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13. Ephpheta {IN LATIN}

Then the priest (deacon), wetting his right thumb with spittle from his mouth (may be omitted), and with it touching, in the form of a cross, first the right and then the left ear of the person to be baptized, say (separately for each person):

<p>V. Ephpheta, quod est, Adaperire.</p>	<p>V. Ephpheta, which means, "Be opened."</p>
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Touching the infant's nostril, the priest (deacon) adds: {IN LATIN}

<p>V. In odorem suavitatis. Tu autem effugare, diabole; appropinquabit enim iudicium Dei.</p>	<p>V. So that you may perceive the fragrance of God's sweetness. But you, O devil, depart; for the judgment of God has come.</p>
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14. The Renunciation of Satan (Baptismal Vows)

*The priest (deacon) now questions the person (or persons) to be baptized, by name, the **GODFATHER** answering for the child.*

<p>V. N, abrenuntias Satanae? R. Abrenuntio. V. Et omnibus operibus eius? R. Abrenuntio. V. Et omnibus pompis eius? R. Abrenuntio.</p>	<p>V. N, do you renounce Satan? R. I do renounce him. V. And all his works? R. I do renounce them. V. And all his allurements? R. I do renounce them.</p>
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15. The First Anointing {IN LATIN}

The priest (deacon) now dips his thumb into the Oil of Catechumens (O. S.) and anoints the person (or persons) to be baptized on the breast and between the shoulders, in the form of a cross, saying:

<p>V. Ego te linio ✠ oleo salutis in Christo Iesu Domino nostro, ut habeas vitam aeternam. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. I anoint you ✠ with the oil of salvation, in Christ Jesus our Lord, that you may have life everlasting R. Amen.</p>
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The priest (deacon) now wipes his thumb and parts anointed with cotton, or some like material.

CEREMONIES AT THE FONT

16. The Profession of Faith and Request for Baptism

*The priest (deacon) now changes his violet stole for a white one, as a sign of joy that the person to be baptized is about to be freed from grip of Satan. He then questions him (each one separately, if more than one) as to his faith and desire of Baptism, the **GODPARENTS** reply for the infant:*

<p>V. N., credis in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, creatorem caeli et terram? R. Credo. V. Credis in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum, natum, et passum? R. Credo. V. Credis et in Spiritum sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, et vitam aeternam? R. Credo. V. N., vis baptizari? R. Volo.</p>	<p>V. N., do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? R. I do believe. V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born into this world, and Who suffered? R. I do believe. V. Do you also believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting? R. I do believe. V. N., do you wish to be baptized? R. I do.</p>
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17. The Baptism {IN LATIN}

*The **GODPARENTS** now come to the font holding the infant. If there are two sponsors, the **GODMOTHER** holds the infant, resting on her right arm, and the **GODFATHER** places his right hand on or under the infant's shoulder. The priest (deacon) then takes the baptismal water in a small vessel or pitcher and pours it thrice on the head of the infant in the form of a cross. At the same time he utters the words, once only, distinctly and attentively, as follows:*

<p>V. N. , Ego te baptizo in nomine ✠ Patris (fundit primo), et Filii, ✠ (fundit secundo), et Spiritus ✠ Sancti (fundit tertio).</p>	<p>V. N. , I baptize you in the name of the Father ✠ (first pouring), and of the Son ✠ (second pouring), and of the Holy ✠ Ghost (third pouring).</p>
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The foregoing is repeated for the other candidates, if there is more than one. If there is a doubt whether the person has been already baptized, the following form is used:

<p>V. N., si non es baptizatus (-a), ego te baptizo in nomine ✠ Patris (fundit primo), et Filii, ✠ (fundit secundo), et Spiritus ✠ Sancti (fundit tertio).</p>	<p>V. N., If you art not baptized, I baptize you in the name of the Father ✠ (first pouring), and of the Son ✠ (second pouring), and of the Holy ✠ Ghost (third pouring).</p>
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CEREMONIES AFTER THE BAPTISM

18. The Anointing with Chrism {IN LATIN}

The priest (deacon) now dips his thumb in the Holy Chrism (S. C.) and anoints the person (or persons) just baptized on the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying:

<p>V. Deus omnipotens, Pater Domini nostri Iesu Christi, qui te regeneravit ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, qui tibi remisit omnium peccatorum, ipse te ✠ linat Chrismate Salutis in eodem Christo Iesu Domino nostro in vitam aeternam. R. Amen. V. Pax tibi R. Et cum spiritu tuo.</p>	<p>V. May the Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has regenerated you by water and the Holy Ghost, and who has given you the remission of all your sins, may He Himself ✠ anoint you with the Chrism of Salvation, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, unto life eternal. R. Amen. V. Peace be with you. R. And with your spirit.</p>
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The priest (deacon) then wipes his thumb and the part anointed with cotton or some like material.

19. The Giving of the Baptismal Robe

The priest (deacon) now places on the head of each child a white linen cloth, saying:

<p>V. Accipe vestem candidam, quam perferas immaculatam ante tribunal Domini nostri Iesu Christi, ut habeas vitam aeternam. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. Receive this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that, when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have life everlasting R. Amen.</p>
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20. The Lighted Candle

Afterwards the priest (deacon) gives to the GODFATHER(S), a lighted candle, saying:

<p>V. Accipe lampadem ardentem, et irreprehensibilis custodi Baptismum tuum: serva Dei mandata ut cum Dominus venerit ad nuptias, possis occurrere ei una cum omnibus Sanctis in aula caelesti, habeasque vitam aeternam, et vivas in saecula saeculorum. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the heavenly wedding feast, you will be able to meet Him with all the Saints in the halls of heaven, and live forever and ever. R. Amen.</p>
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21. The Concluding Blessing

At the end, the priest (deacon) says:

<p>V. N., vade in pace, et Dominus sit tecum. R. Amen.</p>	<p>V. N., go in peace, and the Lord be with you. R. Amen.</p>
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The Asperges.

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A-spér-ges me, * Dó-mi-ne, hyssó-po, et mundá-bor: lavá-bis me, et
su-per nivem de- albá-bor. *Ps. 50.* Mi-serére me-i De-us, * se-cúndum magnam
mi-se-ricórdi-am tu-am. Gló-ri-a Pátri, et Fí-li-o, et Spi-rí-tu-i Sáncto. *
Si-cut érat in princípi-o, et núnc, et sémpet, et in sácu-la sácu-lórum. A-men.

Repeat the Ant. Aspérges me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall become whiter than snow. *Ps. 50.* Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.