

RITE OF BAPTISM OF A CHILD OF CATECHETICAL AGE.

Introduction

At the door (or altar) of the Church (the priest asks the questions)

What is your name?

Child (gives their full name)

What do you want to become

Child: a Christian

Why do you want to become a Christian?

Child: Because I believe in Christ

What do you gain by believing in Christ?

Child: Eternal Life.

Signing the candidate with the Cross

Priest: NN, Christ has called you to be his friend. Always remember Him and be faithful to Him. There I mark your forehead with the sign of the cross. It is the sign of Christians; let it remind you always of Christ and how much he loves you.

Priest: Dear NN, with the approval of your mother NN, you have asked to be baptised. Let us call upon the Father in Heaven to number you among his adopted children in Christ

Blessing of the Water (in big book)

Priest: NN has completed a period of preparation and is ready for baptism. You will receive new life from God who is love and become a Christian today. From now on, we will need to help you even more. This is especially true of you, Janine who has given her permission to be baptised and have the primary responsibility for her catholic upbringing. But all of us who have in any way prepared her to meet Christ today must be ready to assist her.

And so, before NN makes her profession of faith in our presence, let us in her presence publicly and with a deep sense of responsibility renew our own profession of faith, which is the Faith of the church.

All present (except candidate) recite the Nicene Creed

Priest: NN, you have spent some time in preparation by coming to Mass and have asked to be baptised. Your mother has agreed to your request, your friends have helped you and all who have come here today promise you the example of their faith and their loving support. Before you are baptised, NN, you must now reject Satan and profess your faith publicly in the presence of God's Church.

Renunciation of Sin (priest asks the questions)

Tia, do you reject sin as to live in freedom as a child of God?

NN: I do

Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin?

NN: I do

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

NN: I do

Anointing with the oil of catechumens (on both hands and on the breast if appropriate)

NN, we anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

NN: Amen.

Profession of Faith (the priest asks the questions)

NN, do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

NN: I do

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?

NN: I do

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 the life everlasting?

NN: I do

Baptism (the priest)

NN (full name), I baptise you in the name of the Father (water) and of the son (water) and of the Holy Spirit (water)

All: Amen

Anointing after Baptism (priest)

NN, the God of power and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and brought you to new life through water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints you with the Christ of salvation so that, united with his people, you may remain for ever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and Kind.

NN: Amen

(He / She is now anointed now with the oil of Chrism on the crown of the head)

Clothing with the white garment (priest)

NN, you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgement seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life.

N.N. Amen

Presentation of a lighted candle (priest)

Christine, NN's godparent, please come forward to give to the newly baptised the light of Christ. **(The godparent goes to the Paschal Candle and lights NN's candle from it and then presents it to her.)** The priest then says the following words:

Priest: NN, you have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes again, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly Kingdom.

N.N. Amen

All: The Our Father

Blessing of NN's mother (blessings by priest)

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 NN, NN's mother. May they both be one in thanking God for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord?

Blessing of everyone

By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit we are all reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessing upon all present, who are his sons and daughters? May he make them always, wherever 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.

And may the blessing of almighty God, + the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit + come down on all here present and remain with you forever.

All: Amen

(A closing song)