

THE MAKING OF A CLERIC

A person may be made a cleric, not only during the celebration of Mass, but at any time, hour or place. For the setting aside of Clerics scissors are required to cut their hair, and a basin to receive the cuttings. Each candidate shall have with him his surplice over his left arm and a candle in his right hand. After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne, or faldstool, where he sits wearing his mitre.

Archdeacon: Let those who are to be set aside as a Cleric come forward.

Archdeacon: (NAME)

Each one, as his name is called, says Present and goes and kneels before the Bishop.

Ordinand: Present.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

R. From this time forth and forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Let us, Brethren dearly beloved, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for His servant here present, that He would give him the Holy Spirit to preserve him to the end in the religious vesture, and keep from his heart the worldly distractions and desires that like as he is changed in outward appearance, so the right hand of His power may bestow on him the increase of virtue, heal his eyes of all spiritual and human blindness, and enlighten him with everlasting grace; who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the same Holy Spirit God, throughout all ages of ages.

R. Amen.

The Bishop cuts with the scissors the hair of each person in four places, in front, at the back of the head, and close to each ear; he then cuts a few hairs in the middle of the head, putting the cuttings into a basin

When all have been tonsured, the Bishop, wearing his mitre, rises and facing toward them says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that this servant of thine, whose hair we have cut off for Thy sake, may steadfastly abide in Thy love, and by Thee be kept undefiled for evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After this the Bishop rises without his mitre, and turning to the altar, says:

Bishop: Let us Pray.

MC or Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

The Bishop then turning to those who are tonsured says:

Bishop: Be Thou present, O Lord, to our supplications, and be graciously pleased to bless ✠ this servant of Thine, on whom in Thy holy Name we are about to put the vesture of Thy sacred service, that through Thy bounteous gift he may continue to be

faithful in Thy Church and be found worthy to attain to life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, sitting down mitred, takes a surplice in hand, saying to each person:

Bishop: May the Lord put on thee the new man, created after God's likeness in justice and holiness of the truth.

Because this is an ordination through Subdeacon, the bishop hands the Surplice to the Ordinand who having received it, sets it aside. The Bishop, as soon as he has finished, rises without his mitre and turning to them, says:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, you must bear in mind that today you have obtained the clerical privileges. Beware, then, lest by your own faults you lose them: and endeavor to please God by a becoming deportment, good behavior, and virtuous deeds. May He Himself grant you this by His Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF DOOR-KEEPERS.

For the Ordination of Door-keepers the keys of the church must be at hand. After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne or faldstool where he sits wearing his mitre. The Archdeacon, turning to the candidates, says:

V: (NAME)

R: Present

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, as you are about to undertake the office of Door-keeper, consider what ye have to do in the House of God. It is the Door-keeper's duty to ring the altar and church bells to open the church and sacristy to open the book for the preacher. Take heed, then, lest through your negligence any of the church furniture be lost; and at the appointed times open the House of God to believers, but keep it ever closed to unbelievers. Endeavor also, as you open and close the visible church with material keys, to close the unseen dwelling of God, to wit, the hearts of believers, by word and example, against the devil, and to open them to God, that they may keep in their hearts and fulfill in their doings the divine words they have heard. May the Lord accomplish this in you by His mercy.

The Bishop then takes the keys of the church, and gives them to all of them, who, one by one, in succession, shall touch them with his right hand, while the Bishop says:

Bishop: So behave as having to account to God for the things kept under these keys.

The Bishop stands mitred, facing the ordained, and says:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Brethren, let us humbly intreat God the Father Almighty, that it may please Him to bless ✠ this servant of His whom He has graciously chosen for the office of Door-keeper, that he may take most watchful care in the House of God, both day and night, to mark the set hours for calling upon the Name of the Lord, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God throughout all ages of ages.

R. Amen.

Then, having taken off the mitre, he stands facing the altar, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

MC or Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, be pleased to bless + this Thy servant for the Order of Door-keep, that being numbered with the Door-keepers of thy Church, he may be devoted to Thy service, and that with Thine elect, he may deserve to share in Thy reward. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God throughout all ages.

R. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF READERS OR LECTORS

For the Setting apart of Readers the Book of Lessons should be at hand. After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne or faldstool where he sits wearing his mitre. And the Archdeacon, turning to the candidates, says:

V: (NAME)

R: Present.

When all are kneeling before the Bishop, he charges them as follows:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, as you are chosen to be a Lector in the House of God, look well to your office and fulfill it. For God is able to increase in you the gift of everlasting perfection. It behoves the Lector to read for him who preaches, to intone the Lessons, to bless bread and all first-fruits. Strive, then, to set forth the words of God, the sacred Lessons, to wit, distinctly, plainly, for the instruction and edification of the faithful without blunders or mistakes, lest be your carelessness the truth of the Divine Readings become useless for the instruction of your hearers. What you read with your lips do you believe in your heart, and fulfill in your doings, so as to teach your hearers both by word and example. Wherefore, when you read, you will stand in ambo of the church, that you may be heard by all, and that your bodily position may betoken to all beholders the sublime degree of virtue to which you should have attained, in order to set forth to all by whom you are heard and seen the patterns of a heavenly life. May God effect this in you by His grace.

Taking the Book of Lessons from which they will have to read, the Bishop presents it to each one, who shall touch it with his right hand. At the same time the Bishop says:

Bishop: Take this, and be a Reader of the Word of God, that by the faithful and profitable fulfillment of your office, you may have a portion with those who have rightly ministered the Word of God from of old.

They remain kneeling, and the Bishop standing turned towards them with his mitre on, says:

Bishop: Let us, dearly beloved, beg God the Father Almighty that he would mercifully pour forth on this servants of His, whom He is pleased to admit to the Order of Lector, His blessing, so that they may read plainly whatever is to be read in the Church of God, and in his doing fulfill the same. Through our Lord Jesus Christ His Son, Who lives and reigns with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God: world without end.

R. Amen.

The mitre being taken off, the Bishop stands facing the altar, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

MC or Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

Standing unmitered the Bishop turning towards them as they kneel , says:

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, ever-living God, be pleased to bless ☩ this servant of Thine for the Order of Lector, that by diligence in reading he may be well prepared, and perfected, and may plainly set forth what is to be done, and fulfill in practice what he set forth that so both by word and deed he may profit Holy Church by example of his holiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God: world without end.

R. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF EXORCISTS

For the Ordination of Exorcists, the Book of Exorcisms should be at hand, instead of which the Pontifical or Missal may be used. After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne or faldstool where he sits wearing his mitre on. And the Archdeacon, turning to the candidates, says:

V: (NAME)

R: Present.

When all are kneeling before the Bishop, with candles in their hands, he addresses them as follows:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, as you are now to be ordained to the order of Exorcist, you should know what you are undertaking. It is the duty of the Exorcist to cast out devils, to warn the people that non-communicants should make room for those who are going to Communion, and to pour out the water needed in Divine service. Thus you receive power to lay hands on demoniacs, and by this laying-on of your hands, together with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the words of exorcism, the unclean spirits are cast out from the bodies of those they molest. Strive earnestly, therefore, that as you cast out devils from the bodies of others, to rid your own mind and body of all uncleanness and wickedness, lest ye be overcome by those whom ye drive out of others by your ministry. Let your office teach you to control your evil habits, lest the adversary justly claims as his own aught in your behavior. For then only will you safely exercise mastery over the demons in others, when you shall first have overcome their manifold wickedness within yourself. May God enable you to do this by His Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then receives and hands to all the book containing the Exorcisms, or its substitute, and each touches it with his right hand, while the Bishop says:

Bishop: Take and receive the power to lay hands on demoniacs, be they baptised or catechumens.

Then, while they are still devoutly kneeling, the Bishop stands mitred says:

Bishop: Let us humbly implore God the Father Almighty, dearly beloved Brethren, that He would be pleased to bless +this servant of His for the order of Exorcist, that he may have dominion over spirits, so as to banish devils with all their manifold wiles from the bodies they possess. Through our Lord Jesus Christ His only- begotten Son, Who lives and reigns with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages.

R: Amen.

Removing mitre, the Bishop then turns to the altar, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

MC or Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

Next turning to the Ordained who are kneeling, the Bishop says:

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, be pleased to bless ✠ this servant of Thine for the order of Exorcist, that by laying-on hands, and word of mouth, he may have power and authority to hold unclean spirits in check; that strengthened by the gift of healing and by power from on high, he may be approved healer for Thy Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit God throughout all ages of ages.

R. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF ACOLYTE

For the setting aside of acolytes the requisites are a candlestick with a candle unlighted, and an empty cruet for the wine used at Mass. After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne or faldstool where he sits wearing his mitre. The Archdeacon, turning to the candidates, says:

V: (NAME)

R: Present.

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, as you are about to take upon yourself the order of Acolyte, ponder what you are undertaking. It belongs to the Acolyte to carry the candlestick, to light the tapers and lamps of the church, and to present wine and water for the Eucharistic Offering. Endeavor then, meetly to perform the office you have undertaken. For you cannot be pleasing to God, if, bearing in your hands a light before Him, you be enslaved to the works of darkness, and to set to others an example of faithlessness. Rather, as the Truth says: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is heaven. And as the Apostle Paul speaks: in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom shine ye as stars in the world, holding fast the word of life. Let then your loins be girded about, and lamps burning in your hands. That ye may be the children of light. For you once were darkness, but now are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. What is meant by this light so earnestly insisted upon and justice, and truth. Be you, then, earnest in justice, goodness, and truth, that you may enlighten yourselves, and others, and the Church of God. Then will you meetly present wine and water at the Sacrifice of God, when by a chaste life and good works you shall have offered yourselves as a sacrifice to God. May the Lord grant you this of His mercy.

The Bishop then hands to each the candlestick with and unlighted candle in it. They all touch it one after another with the right hand. At the same time he says:

Bishop: Take the candlestick with the candle and know that you are bound to light the lights of the church, in the Name of the Lord.

R. Amen.

He hands them the empty cruet, which they shall touch as set forth above, saying once for all:

Bishop: Take ye the cruet to present wine and water for the thank-offering of the Blood of Christ, in the Name of the Lord.

R. Amen.

They remain kneeling. The Bishop wearing his mitre stands and turns towards them saying:

Bishop: Dearly beloved brethren, let us humbly beseech God the Father Almighty that He would be pleased so to bless ✠ this servant of His in the Order of Acolyte, that while bearing a visible light in his hand, he may by his behavior shed a spiritual light; by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who with Him and the Holy Spirit, lives and

reigns, world without end.

R. Amen.

Standing he faces the altar, the mitre is taken off, and says.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

Turning to the new Acolyte, who is still kneeling, he says:

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and His Apostles, hast shed on this world the light of Thy glory, and Who, to blot out the old writing of our doom, wouldst have Him nailed to the standard of the most glorious Cross, and Blood and Water to flow from His side for the salvation of mankind, be pleased to bless ✠ this servant of Thine for the order of Acolyte, that he may faithfully serve at Thy holy altars, by lighting the lights of Thy church, and by presenting wine and water to be changed by consecration into the Blood of Christ Thy Son in the Eucharistic Offering. Kindle, Lord, in his mind and heart Thy gracious love, that being enlightened by the shining of Thy countenance, he may faithfully serve Thee in Thy holy Church. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, Who didst enjoin on Moses and Aaron to light lamps in the Tabernacle of the Testimony, deign to bless ✠ this servant of Thine, that he may be Acolyte in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord.

R.

Amen.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop: Almighty everlasting God, the fountain of light, and source of goodness, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, the true light, hast enlightened the world, and redeemed it by His mysterious Passion, graciously bless + this servant of Thine whom we set apart for the order of Acolyte, intreating the clemency that Thou wouldst enlighten his mind with the light of knowledge, and water him with the dew of Thy loving kindness, that he may, by Thine aid, so fulfill the ministry he has undertaken, as to be found worthy to attain to an everlasting reward. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R.

Amen.

THE MASS CONTINUES UNTIL THE COLLECT IS READ.

THE RITE OF ORDINATION OF A SUBDEACON

After the collect the Bishop returns to the throne or faldstool where he sits wearing his mitre.

The Archdeacon, turning to the candidates, says:

V: NAME.

R: Present.

Everyone who is to be Ordained as a Subdeacon shall be vested in amice, which, however, must not cover his head, alb and girdle. He will hold a maniple in his left hand, a tunicle over his left arm, and have a candle in his right hand. When they are all standing at a suitable distance from the bishop, who is seated wearing his mitre, he charges them, as follows:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, who is now to be promoted to the Holy Order of the Subdiaconate, you must again and again ponder what a burden you this day aspire to of your own free choice. As yet it is lawful for you, if you please, to pass over to worldly engagements; but if you take this Office, you will be forever bound to the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign; and, with His help, remain ever devoted to the ministry of the Church. Wherefore, while it is yet time, think on it, and, if you still wish to abide by your pious resolve, in the Name of the Lord, come hither.

The Bishop wearing his mitre, kneels at a faldstool set on the platform of the altar, or below the altar-steps, and all those to be set aside for the Subdiaconate fall prostrate on carpets at their places. The Attendants and other bystanders kneel down, and the Cantors begin the Litany, to which the choir responds. Should the service not be sung, the Bishop says the Litany and his Attendants and Chaplains take up the responses.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven... Have Mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world...

God the Holy Ghost...

Holy Trinity, one God...

Holy Mary... Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God...

Holy Virgin of Virgins...

St. Michael...
St. Gabriel...
St. Raphael...
All ye holy Angels and Archangels...Pray for us.
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits...
St. John the Baptist... Pray for us.
St. Joseph...
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets... Pray for us
St. Peter... Pray for us
St. Paul...
St. Andrew...
St. James...
St. John...
St. Thomas...
St. James...
St. Phillip...
St. Bartholomew...
St. Matthew...
St. Simon...
St. Thaddeus...
St. Matthias...
St. Barnabas...
St. Luke...
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists...Pray for us.
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord...
All ye holy Innocents...
St. Stephen...Pray for us.
St. Lawrence...
St. Vincent...
Sts. Fabian and Sebastian... Pray for us.
Sts. John and Paul...
Sts. Cosmas and Damian...
Sts. Gervase and Protase...
All ye holy Martyrs...
St. Sylvester... Pray for us.
St. Gregory...
St. Ambrose...
St. Augustine...
St. Jerome...

St. Martin...
St. Nicholas...
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors... Pray for us.
All ye holy Doctors...
St. Anthony... Pray for us.
St. Benedict...
St. Bernard...
St. Dominic...
St. Francis...
All ye holy Priests and Levites... Pray for us.
All ye holy Monks and Hermits... Pray for us.
St. Mary Magdalen... Pray for us.
St. Agatha...
St. Lucy...
St. Agnes...
St. Cecilia...
St. Catherine...
St. Anastasia...
All ye holy Virgins and Widows... Pray for us.
All ye holy men and women... Intercede for us.
Be merciful... Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful... Graciously hear us, O Lord.
From every evil... Deliver us, O Lord.
From every sin...
From thy wrath...
From Thy wrath...
From sudden and unprovided death...
From the snares of the devil...
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will...
From the spirit of fornication...
From lightning and tempest...
From the scourge of earthquake...
From plague, famine, and war...
From everlasting death...
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation...
Through Thy coming...
Through Thy nativity...
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting...
Through Thy Cross and Passion...

Through Thy death and burial...
Through Thy holy Resurrection...
Through Thine admirable Ascension...
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete...
On the day of Judgment... Deliver us, O Lord.
We sinners... We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst spare us...
That Thou wouldst pardon us...
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy Holy Church...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of the Holy Church...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people...
That Thou wouldst deign to call every wanderer back to the Church, and to guide all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service...
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires...
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors...
That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed...

Towards the end of the Litanies the Bishop rises with crozier in hand turning towards the Bishop-Elect and adds these special invocations:

That it may please Thee to bless ✠ thy chosen ones here present
R. We beseech Thee to hear us.
That it may please Thee to bless ✠ and to sanctify ✠ thy chosen ones here present
R. We beseech Thee to hear us.
That it may please Thee to bless ✠ to sanctify ✠ and to consecrate ✠ thy chosen ones here present
R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

The Bishop kneels and the litany continues.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us . . . We beseech Thee, hear us.
Son of God . . . We beseech Thee, hear us
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us...
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

The Litany being completed, the Bishop wearing his mitre sits on the faldstool before the middle of the altar, and proceeds to Ordain the Subdeacons who are now kneeling in semi-circle before him. He charges them as follows:

Bishop: Dearly beloved Son, as you are about to be admitted to the Order of Subdeacon, mark well what manner of ministry is committed to you. It belongs to the Subdeacon, to wash the altar cloths and corporals, to present to the Deacon the chalice and paten to be used at the Sacrifice. Endeavor, then, by fulfilling these visible ministries we have mentioned, with neatness and diligence, to realize by your example the invisible things that they typify. If then, by human frailty, the faithful should in any wise be defiled, yours will it be to supply the water of heavenly teaching, that being cleansed thereby, they may again become an ornament of the Altar, and take part in the Divine Sacrifice. Be ye such as may meetly minister at the Divine Sacrifice, and to the church of God, which is the Body of Christ, being grounded in the true Old Catholic faith. If hereto you have been remiss in your attendance at church, henceforth be diligent. If hitherto you have been drowsy, be ye watchful. If intemperate, from this time forth be sober. May He deign to grant you this, Who lives and reigns God, unto ages of ages.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, taking an empty chalice with a paten upon it, hands it to each one, who touches it in his turn with his right hand, while the bishop says:

Bishop: Look to that ministry which is committed to you; I therefore warn you so to demean yourself that you may be pleasing to God.

The Bishop takes and hands them the cruets filled with wine and water and the basin with the finger-towel, Each is to touch them with his right hand.

Bishop: Dearly beloved Brethren, let us beseech God, and our Lord, to pour down His gracious blessing on this servant of His whom He has been pleased to call to the Order of the Subdiaconate that he by faithful service before Him may obtain the rewards prepared for the Saints, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God throughout all ages of ages.

R. Amen.

The mitre having been removed, the Bishop faces the altar, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

MC or Deacon: Let us kneel down.

R. Arise.

The bishop turns to the Ordinand, and with hands upon his head, prays:

Bishop: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, be pleased to bless ✠ this servant of Thine whom Thou hast deigned to choose for the order of Subdeacon, so as to make him diligent in Thy holy sanctuary, and a watchful sentinel of the heavenly warfare, and that he may faithfully minister at Thy holy altars, and that on him may rest the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and of godliness, and that Thou mayest fill him with the Spirit of Thy fear; and make him steadfast in Thy Divine Service, that obeying in deed and hearkening to Thy word, he may obtain Thy grace. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God: world without end.

R. Amen.

The Bishop resuming the mitre, sits down, and covers the head of each of the Subdeacons with the Amice lying on each one's neck, saying:

Bishop: Take the amice by which restraint of the tongue is signified. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

He next puts the Maniple on the left arm of each, saying:

Bishop: Take the Maniple, by which is meant the fruit of good works. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

He then vests them one after the other in the tunicle. If there be only one, he puts it on each only as far as the shoulders, and takes it off; leaving it on the last in order, and says:

Bishop: May the Lord clothe thee with the garment of gladness and the vesture of joy. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

He next takes and hands to all the book of Epistles, saying, while they are touching it with their right hand:

Bishop: Take the book of Epistles, and receive authority to read them in God's holy Church, both for the living and the dead. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

All being now ended, at a signal from the Archdeacon, the Subdeacons return to their places; but one of the new Subdeacons vested in Tunicle, reads the Epistle at the proper time.

THE MASS CONTINUES UNTIL THE GRADUAL IS SAID

THE RITE OF ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Following the Introit, the Bishop moves to the Faldstool, where he sits wearing his Mitre.

Archdeacon: Let he who is to take Deacon's orders come forward.

Archdeacon: Subdeacon NAME:

Subdeacon: Present

Each one who is to be Ordained as a Deacon shall be vested in amice, alb, girdle and maniple.

He shall carry over his left arm a dalmatic and stole and have a candle in his right hand.

Subdeacon kneels before the Bishop who is wearing his Mitre.

Archdeacon: Most Reverend Father, we present to you, NAME, to be ordained a Deacon in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Bishop: Do you know him to be worthy?

Archdeacon: As far as human frailty allows me to judge, I know and do believe he is fit for the burden of this office.

Bishop: Thanks be to God.

Sitting and wearing his Mitre, the Bishop proceeds with the Ordination and says:

Bishop: By the help of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, we choose this Subdeacon here present for the Office of Deacon. If, then, anyone knows anything against him, for God's sake, and in God's name, let him boldly come forward and speak; although, let him be mindful of his own estate. Dearly beloved sons, as you are now to be raised to the rank of Levites, mark well how high in the Church is the grade to which you are now ascending. It behoves the Deacon to minister at the altar, to baptize, and to preach. In the Old Law, among the twelve tribes, that of Levi alone was chosen by an irrevocable ordinance to be exclusively employed in the service of God's Tabernacle, and in the sacrifices offered to Him. Such was the dignity bestowed upon it, that no one, unless of that race, could be promoted to the office of ministering at Divine worship, so that it claimed, as a grand hereditary privilege, to be both in deed and in name the Tribe of the Lord; their name and office, dearly-beloved sons, become yours to-day, since you are now chosen to minister in the rank of Levites in the Tabernacle of the Testimony, that is, the Church of God, which, ever girded for the fight, wages truceless war against its foes. Wherefore the Apostle says: "The adversaries with whom we wrestle are not flesh and blood but the principalities, the powers, the world-rulers of this present darkness, the hosts of evil spirits in the heavens" (Ephes. vi, 12). It behoves you to bear and defend this Church of God, His Tabernacle, so to speak, by your holy deportment, your divine preaching, and blameless

example. Levi, forsooth, is interpreted to mean "adhering to," or "taken up." Wherefore, dearly-beloved sons, as you inherit your forefathers name, be ye raised above carnal desires and earthly lusts, which war against the soul. Be seemly, undefiled, pure, chaste, as befits the ministers of Christ, and stewards charged to dispense the mysteries of God, that you may worthily take rank in the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and may deserve to be the heritage and favoured tribe of the Lord. And as you now have a share in offering and dispensing the Body and Blood of the Lord, be ye averse from every allurement of the flesh, as Holy Writ has it: "Be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isaias 1ii. 11). Think of blessed Stephen, chosen by the Apostles for this office in reward of his singular chastity. Be it your care to set forth to others, by living deeds, the Gospel your lips will proclaim to them, that of you it may be said: "How beautiful are the feet of those that bear glad tidings of peace, that bear glad tidings of good things" (Isaias lii. 7). Have your feet shod with the examples of the Saints as ready messengers of the Gospel of peace (cf. Ephes. vi. 15). May God grant you this through His grace. Amen.

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Through Thine admirable Ascension...
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That Thou wouldst pardon us...
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance...

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R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

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That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us . . . We beseech Thee, hear us.

Son of God . . . We beseech Thee, hear us

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Spare us, O Lord.

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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us...

Christ, graciously hear us.

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Lord, have mercy on us.

After the Litanies, the Ordinands rise from their prostration, but remain kneeling in the same place. The Bishop, seated on the foldstool, with his mitre on, addresses both clergy and people, in an audible tone, as follows:

Bishop: Let the prayer of all give expression to the desire of all, to the end that he who

is now presented for the ministry of the diaconate, may, through the prayer of the whole Church, be honored with the Levitical rank and blessing, that, shining forth by his spiritual conversation, he may shed around him the brightness of grace and holiness, by the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, unto the ages of ages.

R. Amen

Standing and wearing the Mitre, the Bishop facing the Subdeacons, reads the following:

Bishop: Dearly beloved brethren, let us beseech God the Father Almighty mercifully to pour forth upon this servant of His whom He is pleased to raise to the Office of Deacon, His gracious blessing, and to preserve in him, of His loving-kindness, the gifts of the consecration imparted to him, as also to hearken to our prayers, that what our ministry is about to effect may be furthered by His gracious help, and that He would hallow and strengthen with His blessing this servant whom, as far as our knowledge goes, we deem fit to be presented for the performance of the Sacred Mysteries. Through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Him and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God world without end.

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays hands upon the Candidate silently, then, the Mitre is taken off and with hands out spread before his breast, he prays:

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with Thy Spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Bishop: It is very meet and right, just and advantageous, that we should in all times, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, the Bestower of hierarchical grades, the Dispenser of orders, the Disposer of offices. Who abides unchangeable within Thyself, restores and orders all things by Thy word, Thy Power and Wisdom, even Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and of Thine eternal foreknowledge does provide and impart whatever suits the needs of divers ages. Whose body, Thy church, to wit, adorned with a variety of heavenly gifts, and by the wondrous law of the whole structure, knit together by the very diversity of its members, Thou make to increase and to extend for the growth of Thy Temple; Who having appointed those bound to sacred functions would serve Thy Name in a threefold order of ministry, did, of old, choose the sons of Levi, that by preserving in faithful attendance on the mystic sacrifices of Thy house, he might earn for himself, as his inalienable lot, the heritage of a never failing blessing. We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to regard also

this servant of Thine, whom we now prayerfully set apart for the Office of Deacon, that he may minister at Thy holy altars. For our part, as men lacking the divine insight, and ignorant of the supreme judgment, we have inquired into his life, to the best of our ability. But what to us is unknown cannot escape Thee, O Lord, nor are hidden things concealed from Thee. Thou penetrate all secrets, thou art the Searcher of hearts. Thou can test his life by Thy heavenly judgment, wherein Thou does ever prevail; Thou can both purge away the sins he has been guilty of and enable him to perform what it behooves him to do what is proper.

The Bishop placing his hands on the head of each Subdeacon, says:

Bishop: NAME, receive the Holy Spirit, for strength, and to withstand the devil and his temptations, in the Name of the Lord.

Keeping his right hand stretched forth, he continues to the end of this Preface. The Bishop continues:

Send forth upon him, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, that He may strengthen him by the gift of Thy sevenfold grace for the work of the faithful performance of Thy ministry. May every kind of virtue abound in him, unassuming dignity, steadfast chastity, simple purity, and the observance of spiritual discipline. May Thy commandments shine forth in his behavior, that the luster of their chastity may set a Godly example for the people to follow: and that he having always the witness of a good conscience, may continue ever strong and stable in Christ, and through Thy grace may be found worthy to ascend in due course from a lower to a higher grade. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen

The Bishop then sitting down with his Mitre on, vests each Deacon kneeling before him with the stole which each holds in his right hand. He places it on the left shoulder of each Deacon saying:

Bishop: Take thou the white stole, from the hand of God, fulfill your ministry; for God is well able to increase His grace in you. Who lives and reigns unto the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

He makes the sign of the Cross over him ☩, and the Attendants gather the ends of the stole and fasten them under the right arm. The Bishop next takes the dalmatic and vests each

Deacon saying:

Bishop: The Lord clothe you with the garment of salvation, and the vesture of gladness and ever encompass you with the dalmatic of justice, in the Name of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Lastly, the Bishop takes and delivers to each deacon the Book of Gospels, which each one shall touch with his right hand.

Bishop: NAME, receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

The Bishop faces the altar without his Mitre, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

Turning and facing the newly ordained Deacons, the Bishop continues:

Hearken, O Lord, to our prayers, and send forth on this Thy servant NAME, the spirit of Thy bless ✠ ing, that enriched by the heavenly gift, he may obtain the favor of Thy Majesty, and show to others the example of a good life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

All: Amen

He then continues, saying:

Bishop: Let us pray:

Holy Lord, Father of Faith, Hope and Grace, and Rewarder of all growth in virtue, Who by the heavenly and earthly services of angels which Thou orders, sheds over all the elements the effectiveness of Thy will, vouchsafe to enlighten this Thy servant, NAME, with spiritual love, that promptly obeying Thee, he may become a blameless ministers at Thy holy altars; and that still more purified by Thy forgiveness, he may be worthy to rank with those seven whom, at the suggesting of the Holy Spirit, Thine Apostles did choose, with Blessed Stephen as their head and leader, so that being endowed with every virtue with which it behooves him to serve Thee, he may be well pleasing in Thy sight. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Mass continues as usual, the new Deacon prepares the Altar, assisted by the Subdeacon and Master of Ceremonies.

THE RITE OF ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

The ordination of a priest must normally take place within the Mass, after the Credo. The bishop is seated on the faldstool, which has been placed for him at the middle of the altar. He is wearing the mitre.

The candidate is vested in amice, alb, maniple, and priest's stole worn in the manner of a deacon. Over the left arm he carries a folded chasuble, the vestment of priesthood; and in the right hand a lighted candle and the white linen hand towel, used later to bind his hands (in some places the band is attached to the cincture).

Archdeacon: Let Deacon NAME, who is to be ordained to the order of priesthood, come forward.

R. Present

Then one of the assistants reads the interdict, a last warning that if anyone receives the sacrament under false pretenses, he will incur the penalty of excommunication.

Archdeacon: Most Reverend Father, our holy Mother the Catholic Church asks you to ordain this Deacon here present to the burden of the priesthood.

Bishop: Do you know if he is worthy?

Archdeacon: As far as human frailty allows one to know, I am certain and I testify that he is worthy to undertake the burden of this office.

Bishop: Thanks be to God.

Bishop: My dear brethren, since the captain of a ship and its passengers alike have reason to feel safe or else in danger on a voyage, they ought to be of one mind in their common interests. Not without reason, then, have the fathers decreed that the people too should be consulted in the choice of those who are to be raised to the ministry of the altar.

For sometimes it happens that one or another person has knowledge about the life and conduct of a candidate that is not generally known.

As far as I can judge, the conduct of this deacon, who with God's help is to be ordained to the priesthood, is commendable and is pleasing to God. In my opinion, then, he is deserving of being promoted to a higher honor in the Church. Yet it is well to consult all present, rather than to rely on one or a few, whose approval might be a consequence of partiality or of misjudgment.

Be perfectly free, then, to say what you know about the conduct and character of the candidate and what you think of his fitness. But let your approval of his elevation to the priesthood be based more on his merits than on your own affection for them.

Consequently, if anyone has anything against him, let him for God's honor and in God's name come forward and sincerely speak his mind. Only let him remember his own state.

After a brief pause the bishop continues, addressing himself now in exhortation to the candidate:

My dear son, who is about to be consecrated to the office of the priesthood, endeavor to receive that office worthily, and once ordained, strive to discharge it in a praiseworthy manner. A priest's duties are to offer sacrifice, to bless, to govern, to preach, and to baptize. So high a dignity should be approached with great awe, and care must be taken that those chosen for it are recommended by eminent wisdom, upright character, and a long-standing virtuous life. Thus it was that when the Lord commanded Moses to choose as his helpers seventy men from the whole tribe of Israel, to whom He would impart the gifts of the Holy Spirit, He said to him: "Choose the ones whom you know to be elders of the people" (Num 11.16). It is you yourselves who are prefigured in these seventy elders, if now, by the help of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit, you are faithful to the Ten Commandments, and display soundness and maturity in knowledge and in action.

Under the same kind of sign and figure, our Lord, in the New Law, chose the seventy- two disciples, and sent them before Him two by two to preach. Thus He taught us both by word and by deed that the ministers of His Church should be perfect both in faith and in works; in other words, that their lives should be founded on the twofold love of God and of neighbor. Strive, then, to be such, that by God's grace you may be worthy of being chosen to assist Moses and the twelve apostles, that is, the Catholic bishops who are prefigured by Moses and the apostles. Then indeed is Holy Church surrounded, adorned, and ruled by a wonderful variety of ministers, when from her ranks are consecrated bishops, and others of lesser orders, priests, deacons, and subdeacons, each of a different dignity, yet comprising the many members of the one body of Christ.

Therefore, my dear son, chosen as you are by the judgment of our brethren to be consecrated as our helper, keep yourself blameless in a life of chastity and sanctity. Be well aware of the sacredness of your duties. Be holy as you deal with holy things. When you celebrate the mystery of the Lord's death, see to it that by mortifying your body you rid yourself of all vice and concupiscence. Let the doctrine you expound be spiritual medicine for the people of God. Let the fragrance of your life be the delight of Christ's Church, that by your preaching and example you help to build up the edifice which is the family of God. May it never come about that we, for promoting you to so great an office, or you, for taking it on yourself, should deserve the Lord's condemnation; but rather may we merit a reward from Him. So let it be by His grace.

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Lord, have mercy on us.

When this is ended the candidate rises and goes to kneel before the bishop. The bishop places both his hands on the head of the candidate, without saying anything. After the bishop has imposed hands on him, he sits upon the faldstool. When all are in place the bishop holds his right hand outstretched over him. Next the priests who are present come forward and lay both their hands on his head. Then, forming a semicircle beginning at the gospel side, they stand behind him and hold their right hand outstretched over him just as the bishop is doing.

The Bishop, still wearing the mitre

Bishop: My brethren, let us implore God the Father almighty to multiply His heavenly gifts in this servant of His whom He has chosen for the office of the priesthood. May he fulfill by His grace the office he receives by His goodness; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Then the Bishop removes the mitre, turns to the altar, and says:

Bishop: Let us pray.

Then the bishop turns around to the ordinand and says:

Bishop: Hear us, we pray, O Lord God, and pour out on this servant of yours the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace. And now as we present him for consecration in your benign presence, may you sustain him forever by the bounty of your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, Forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Bishop then continues the mass up to the point of the Preface:

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We have lifted them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and just.

The bishop continues with the consecratory preface:

Bishop: It is indeed meet and just, praiseworthy and salutary that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, O holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, the source of all honors and the dispenser of all dignities. Through you all things make progress and receive their permanence. In accord with your wise designs all rational creatures advance to a higher excellence. And in accord with this same principle the various grades of priests and the offices of levites, instituted for sacred functions, grew and developed. For after appointing chief priests to rule the people, you selected men of lesser degree and second rank to be their associates and their helpers. Thus in the desert you propagated Moses' spirit in the hearts of seventy judicious men, with whose help he was enabled to govern easily the countless multitude. Thus too you imbued Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron, with the abundant graces of their father, in order to assure a sufficient number of priests for the offering of saving sacrifices and the performance of the more common sacred rites. By the same providence, O Lord, you gave the apostles of your Son associate teachers of the faith, and by their help as preachers of a second rank the apostles made their voice heard to the ends of the earth. Therefore, we beg you, Lord, to support us in our weakness with similar helpers, for inasmuch as we are weaker, so much the more we stand in need of them.

At this point the bishop interrupts the preface and recites the following words, which constitute the essential form of the sacrament:

Bishop: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty Father, invest this Thy servant with the dignity of the Priesthood; do Thou renew in his heart the spirit of holiness, so that he may persevere in this office, which is next to ours in dignity, since he has received it from Thee, O God. May the example of his life lead others to moral uprightness.

Here the bishop resumes the rest of the preface:

Bishop: May he be a prudent fellow-worker in our ministry. May he shine in all the virtues, so that he will be able to give a good account of the stewardship entrusted to him, and finally attain the reward of everlasting blessedness.

The bishop recites the conclusion in a low voice, but loud enough to be heard by those near him:

Bishop: We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Now the newly ordained priest goes and kneels before the bishop. The bishop is seated on the faldstool and is wearing the mitre. He takes the stole, until now worn by the newly ordained on

the left shoulder, draws it over the right shoulder, and arranges it in the form of a cross over the chest (in the manner worn by a priest). As he does so he says to him:

Bishop: Take the yoke of the Lord, for His yoke is sweet and His burden light.

Next he invests each one with the chasuble, leaving it folded and pinned at the back but hanging down in front. As he does so he says:

Bishop: Take the vestment of priesthood, which signifies charity; for God is able to advance you in charity and in perfection.

R: Thanks be to God.

The bishop rises, removes the mitre, and says the following prayer, during which all the others kneel:

Bishop: O God, the source of all holiness, whose consecration is ever effective, whose blessing is ever fulfilled, pour out on this servant of yours, whom we now raise to the dignity of the priesthood, the gift of your blessing. By his noble and exemplary life let him prove that he is really an elder of the people, and true to the norms laid down by Paul to Timothy and Titus. Let him meditate on your law day and night, so that he may believe what he has read, and teach what he has believed, and practice what he has taught. May justice, constancy, mercy, courage, and all the other virtues be reflected in his every way of acting. May he inspire others by his example, and hearten them by his admonitions. May he keep pure and spotless the gift of his high calling. For the worship of your people may he change bread and wine into the body and blood of your Son by a holy consecration. May he through persevering charity mature "unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fullness of Christ," and rise on the day of the just and eternal judgment of God with a good conscience, true faith, and the full gifts of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;

that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,
5 Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop kneels and intones the Veni Creator. The ordained comes forward and kneels before the bishop, who rises and then is seated at the faldstool. The bishop then takes the oil of catechumens and anoints both of his hands which he holds together palms upward. First he anoints the inside of the hands, tracing a cross from the thumb of the right hand to the index finger of the left, and from the thumb of the left hand to the index finger of the right. Next he anoints the entire palms. He says as he performs the anointings:

Bishop: May it please you, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this anointing and our blessing.

All: Amen.

And having made the sign of the cross over the hands of the ordained he continues:

Bishop: That whatever they bless may be blessed, and whatever they consecrate may be consecrated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R:Amen.

Then the bishop closes or joins together the hands of the ordained. The latter, keeping his hands joined, goes to the side of the altar where one of the assistants of the bishop binds the consecrated hands together with a white cloth, leaving the fingers free. Each of the ordained goes back to his place. The bishop cleanses his fingers with a piece of bread.

The bishop now presents the ordained with a chalice containing wine and water and a paten upon it with a host. The ordained touches with the fore and middle fingers both the paten and the cup of the chalice. During this ceremony the bishop says:

Bishop: Receive the power to offer sacrifice to God, and to celebrate Masses for the living and the dead, in the name of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Having cleansed his hands the bishop removes the mitre and resumes the Mass.

After the offertory antiphon the bishop puts on the mitre and is seated before the middle of the altar. The ordained comes to the altar, and two kneels before the bishop and presents him with his lighted candle, kissing his hand. After this he returns to his place. From now on the newly ordained priest prays the Mass along with the bishop, saying all prayers aloud, even those usually said in a low voice. He receives the kiss of peace from the bishop at the usual time. At holy communion the ordained, before receiving the sacred host, says "Amen" to the formula and then kisses the bishop's ring. After receiving communion the ordinand goes to the epistle side of the altar to partake of some wine, not from the chalice which the bishop has consecrated, but from another containing ordinary wine. One of the assisting priests holds a chalice and a purificator in readiness for this purpose. After taking the ablution and washing his hands, the

bishop removes the mitre, stands at the epistle side, and intones (or recites) the following
responsory:

No longer do I call you servants* but my friends, for you have known all things I have wrought
in your midst.*

Receive the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, within you.* It is He whom the Father will send to you.*
You are my friends if you do the things that I command you. * Receive the Holy Spirit, the
Advocate, within you.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.* It is He whom the Father will
send to you.*

Having said the responsory the bishop puts on the mitre, sits on the faldstool at the middle of
the altar. As the ordained kneels before him, he places both his hands on the head of the
ordained and says to him:

Bishop: Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and
whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.

Then the bishop unfolds the chasuble, which the ordained has worn folded on his
shoulders until now; and as he lets the chasuble drop at the back he says to him:

Bishop: The Lord clothe you with the robe of innocence.

Then the ordained comes again before the bishop, kneels and places his folded hands between
the hands of the bishop.

Bishop: Do you promise reverence and obedience to me, the bishop who is your Ordinary for
the time being?

R: I promise.

Then the bishop, still holding the newly ordained's hands within his own, kisses him on the right
cheek, saying:

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The ordained responds: Amen.

Afterward when the ordained have returned to his place, the bishop sits down, puts on the mitre,
takes the crozier, and addresses the ordained as follows:

Bishop: My dear son, as the office you are undertaking is hazardous enough, I admonish you,
before you begin to celebrate Mass, to learn carefully from other experienced priests the ritual
of the whole Mass -- the consecration, the breaking of the host, and the communion.

The bishop rises, and retaining the mitre and crozier, blesses the priests who kneel before him,
saying in a loud voice:

Bishop: May the blessing of almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, ✠ and Holy ✠ Spirit come
upon you, that you may be blessed in the priestly order, and may offer for the sins and
transgressions of the people appeasing sacrifices to almighty God, to whom be honor
and glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

At the end of Mass the bishop gives the pontifical blessing in the usual way:

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forevermore.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

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

All: Amen

Bishop: My son, ponder well the order you have taken and the burden laid on your shoulders. Strive to lead a holy and devout life, and to please almighty God, that you may obtain His grace. May He in His kindness deign to bestow it on you. Now that you have been ordained to the priesthood, may I ask you, after you have offered your first Mass, to celebrate three other Masses, namely, one in honor of the Holy Spirit, a second in honor of blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, and a third for the faithful departed. I ask you also to pray to almighty God for me.

THE RITE OF CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP ELECT

When all have entered the church, the Archbishop will take his seat before the altar, and the Bishop-Elect is presented to the Archbishop.

Archdeacon: Most Reverend Father, Our Holy Mother the Catholic Church prays that you would raise this Priest here present to the Episcopal Charge.

✠✠A.B.: Have you the requisite Commission?

Archdeacon: We have.

✠✠A.B.: Let it be read.

The Mandate

The Mandate is read

The Examen

✠✠A.B.: The Order established of old by the Holy Fathers, teaches and commands that whoso is elected to the Episcopal Order, shall be beforehand diligently examined in all charity, concerning the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and shall be questioned as to the divers relations and virtues suitable to this charge, and this practice must, needs be maintained according to the warning of the Apostle: "Lay hands lightly on no man." Both that they, who are to be ordained, may learn how it behooves them, when appointed to this dignity, to behave in the Church of God and that they who lay hands upon them may be free from blame. In virtue of this authority and commandment, we now ask of our well-beloved Brother, in sincere charity, whether thou

be ready, in so far as thy nature permits, to conform thy judgement to the sense of the Divine Scripture.

The Bishop-Elect then slightly rising each time, uncovers his head and replies:

✠B.E: With my whole heart I am willing to conform thereto, and to obey it in all things.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou, by word and example, teach people for whom thou art to be ordained, what thou learnest from the Divine Scriptures?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou reverently, receive, teach, and observe the traditions of the orthodox Fathers?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou in thy manners refrain thyself from all evil, and inasmuch as thou art able, by the Lord's help, change them for the better?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou ever be engaged in divine things, and estranged, as far as human frailty will permit, from earthly cares and sordid gains?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou in thine own bearing observe humility in patience, and teach this to others?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: Wilt thou, for the sake of the Lord's name, be gentle and tender to the poor and strangers and all who suffer want?

✠B.E: I will.

✠✠A.B.: May the Lord grant thee these and all other good things, and keep thee and strengthen thee in all goodness.

All: Amen.

The Bishop-Elect then slightly rising each time, uncovers his head and replies:

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou believe according to the measure of thy understanding, and the powers of thy mind, that the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is one Almighty God, that the whole Godhead in three persons, in the Blessed Trinity, is of one essence, one substance, one eternity, of the selfsame almighty power, of one will, power, and majesty, the Creator of every creature, from Whom, by Whom, and in Whom are all things in heaven and earth, visible, and invisible, bodily and spiritual?

✠B.E: I assent, and thus do I believe.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou believe that the Son of God, the Divine Word, born of the Father from all eternity, is consubstantial, co-omnipotent, and in all things co-equal to the Father in His Godhead, that He was born in time, with a reasonable soul, through the Holy Ghost, of Mary ever Virgin, thus having a twofold birth, one before all ages, from the Father, the other in time, from His mother, that He is very God and very man, distinct and perfect in either nature, the one only Son of God, not by adoption, or in mere unreal appearance, subsisting in two natures, and of two natures consisting, yet in the oneness of a single person. That, as touching His Godhead, is impassable and immortal, but that in his manhood, He suffered for us and for our salvation, real bodily pain, that He was buried, and rose again the third day from the dead, by a true resurrection of the flesh, that in the very body in which He arose and in soul, He ascended into heaven, on the fortieth day after He had risen again, that He sits at the right hand of the Father, whence He is to come to judge the living and the dead, and render to each man according to his works, whether good or evil?

✠B.E: I assent, and such in all things is my belief.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou moreover believe that the Holy Ghost is full, perfect and very God, proceeding from the Father, co-equal, co-essential, of the same power and eternity in all things with the Father and the Son?

✠B.E: I do believe.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou believe that this most Holy Trinity is not three Gods, but one almighty, eternal, invisible and unchangeable God?

✠B.E: I do believe.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou believe that the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church is the one true Church, wherein are to be had the one true Baptism and true forgiveness of all sins.

✠B.E: I do believe.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou anathematize every heresy lifting itself up against this Holy Catholic Church?

✠B.E: I do anathematize them.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou moreover believe the true resurrection of the self-same flesh thou now bearest, and the life everlasting?

✠B.E: I do believe.

✠✠A.B.: Dost thou moreover believe that one Almighty Lord God is the author of the Old and New Testaments, of the Law, the Prophets, and the Apostles?

✠B.E: I do believe.

✠✠A.B.: The Lord increase this faith in thy well-beloved brother in Christ, unto true and everlasting bliss.

All: Amen

The Bishop-Elect kisses the hand of the Archbishop.
Here Mass begins as usual.

The Archbishop removes his mitre and ascends the altar.

After the Confiteor, the Bishop-Elect withdraws with his Assistants and Attendants to his Altar.
And having been there vested with the Pontifical Vestments, reads the Mass as far as the Gospel, inserting the following Collect appropriate for the Service of Consecration.

✠B.E: Be Thou present to our supplications, O Almighty God, that what is to be performed by our unworthy ministry, may be completed by Thine effectual power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

When the Bishop-Elect has finished the Gradual, the Assistants lead him to the Archbishop, who, from his faldstool, thus addresses him:

✠✠A.B.: It behooves a Bishop to judge, to interpret, to consecrate, to ordain, to offer sacrifice, to baptize and confirm.

Rising with his mitre on, he continues:

✠✠A.B.: Let us pray, dearest brethren, that the loving kindness of Almighty God may in consideration of the profit of His Church, bestow a plentiful grace on this Bishop-Elect. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

All kneel, the Bishop-Elect prostrates, and the Clergy sing the Litany of the Saints as in the Ordination of Sub Deacons.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven... Have Mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world...
God the Holy Ghost...
Holy Trinity, one God...
Holy Mary... Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God...
Holy Virgin of Virgins...
St. Michael...
St. Gabriel...
St. Raphael...
All ye holy Angels and Archangels... Pray for us.
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits...
St. John the Baptist... Pray for us.
St. Joseph...
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets... Pray for us
St. Peter... Pray for us
St. Paul...
St. Andrew...
St. James...
St. John...
St. Thomas...
St. James...
St. Phillip...
St. Bartholomew...
St. Matthew...

St. Simon...
St. Thaddeus...
St. Matthias...
St. Barnabas...
St. Luke...
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists... Pray for us.
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord...
All ye holy Innocents...
St. Stephen... Pray for us.
St. Lawrence...
St. Vincent...
Sts. Fabian and Sebastian... Pray for us.
Sts. John and Paul...
Sts. Cosmas and Damian...
Sts. Gervase and Protase...
All ye holy Martyrs...
St. Sylvester... Pray for us.
St. Gregory...
St. Ambrose...
St. Augustine...
St. Jerome...
St. Martin...
St. Nicholas...
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors... Pray for us.
All ye holy Doctors...
St. Anthony... Pray for us.
St. Benedict...
St. Bernard...
St. Dominic...
St. Francis...
All ye holy Priests and Levites... Pray for us.
All ye holy Monks and Hermits... Pray for us.
St. Mary Magdalen... Pray for us.
St. Agatha...
St. Lucy...
St. Agnes...
St. Cecilia...
St. Catherine...
St. Anastasia...
All ye holy Virgins and Widows... Pray for us.

All ye holy men and women... Intercede for us.
Be merciful... Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful... Graciously hear us, O Lord.
From every evil... Deliver us, O Lord.
From every sin...
From thy wrath...
From Thy wrath...
From sudden and unprovided death...
From the snares of the devil...
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will...
From the spirit of fornication...
From lightning and tempest...
From the scourge of earthquake...
From plague, famine, and war...
From everlasting death...
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation...
Through Thy coming...
Through Thy nativity...
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting...
Through Thy Cross and Passion...
Through Thy death and burial...
Through Thy holy Resurrection...
Through Thine admirable Ascension...
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete...
On the day of Judgment... Deliver us, O Lord.
We sinners... We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst spare us...
That Thou wouldst pardon us...
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy Holy Church...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of the Holy Church...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people...
That Thou wouldst deign to call every wanderer back to the Church, and to guide all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel...
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service...
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires...
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors...

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors,
from eternal damnation...

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth...

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed...

**Towards the end of the Litanies the Archbishop rises with crozier in hand turning towards the
Bishop-Elect and adds these special invocations:**

That it may please Thee to bless ✠ this Bishop-Elect here present

R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to bless ✠ and to sanctify ✠ this Bishop-Elect here present

R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to bless ✠ to sanctify ✠ and to consecrate ✠ this Bishop-
Elect here present

R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

The Archbishop kneels and the litany continues.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us . . . We beseech Thee, hear us.

Son of God . . . We beseech Thee, hear us

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world... Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us...

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**At the conclusion of the Litanies, all rise. The Bishop-Elect kneels before the Archbishop with
mitre on.**

**The Archbishop places a Book of the Gospels open upon the shoulders and neck so the pages
touch the neck of the Bishop-Elect, to signify that, though he is to govern others, yet he himself
is subject to the law of the Gospel: and immediately the Archbishop and the Assistant-Bishops
solemnly impose hands on him, all saying:**

RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

the Archbishop, his mitre being taken off continues:

Graciously give ear, O Lord, to our supplications, and pouring over this, Thy servant, from the horn of priestly grace, do Thou shed upon him Thy strengthening ✠ blessing. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who, together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, lives and reigns God throughout all ages of ages.

All: Amen.

With hands extended, the Archbishop says:

✠✠A.B.: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

✠✠A.B.: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠✠A.B.: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and just.

✠✠A.B.: It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to Thee, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, the honor of every dignity which ministers to Thy glory in Holy Orders. O God, who in the privacy of familiar converse, didst, among other lessons of heavenly training, instruct Thy servant Moses as to the form of the priestly vesture, and command Aaron, Thy chosen Priest, to be clad, when offering sacrifices, in mystic garb, that after generations might gain understanding from the customs of preceding ones, and that the knowledge of Thy teachings might fail in no age; as the visible emblem won the reverence of our elders, so our experience of the reality is still more trustworthy than those obscure foreshadowings. For the garb of that elder Priesthood prefigured the adornment of our souls, and with us the Pontifical dignity is set off, not by gaudiness of vesture, but by excellence of soul. Nay even the priestly ornaments, which in those days dazzled the eyes of the carnal-minded, were meant to inculcate the virtues of which they were the emblems. Do Thou then, we beseech Thee, O Lord, bestow upon Thy servant, whom Thou has called to minister as high-priest, the grace that what those garments prefigured, by sheen of gold, flashing of gems, and cunning of varied embroidery, may shine forth in his conversation and actions fulfill in Thy chosen priest the perfection of Thy service, and having decked him with the ornaments of the supreme dignity, do Thou sanctify him with the outpouring of the unction from above. (Comple in Sacerdóte tuo ministérri tui summam, et ornáméntis totíus glorificatiónis instrúctum, coeléstis unguénti rore sanctifica.)

The head of the Bishop-Elect is then bound with a long napkin: and the Archbishop turning to the Altar kneels, and intones the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus as in the Ordination of Priests.
One of the Assistants binds the head of the Bishop-Elect.

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:
2 Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:
3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.
4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,
5 Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

After the first verse he rises, and while the rest is being sung, he anoints the head of the Bishop-Elect with Holy Chrism, in token of his dignity as Prince of the Church; saying to him:
The Archbishop removes his gloves and sits upon the faldstool.

The head of the Bishop-Elect is anointed.

✠✠A.B.: May thy head be anointed and consecrated with the heavenly blessing in the Episcopal Order. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

All: Amen

✠✠A.B.: Peace be unto thee.

Clergy: And with thy spirit.

The Archbishop cleans his fingers with bread.
The Archbishop continues the preface:

May it plentifully flow upon his head, may it reach his lips, may it run down the skirts of his garments, and descend to the extremities of his body, that the power of Thy Spirit may fill his inner man, and compass him around without. May constant faith, pure love, true peace, abound within him. By Thy gift, may his feet be beautiful in publishing peace, in bearing good tidings of Thy mercies. Grant him, O Lord, the ministry of reconciliation, in word and deed, and in the power of signs and wonders. May his speech and preaching be not in the persuasive words of the wisdom of man, but in the showing forth of the Spirit and of power. Bestow on him, O Lord, the keys of the kingdom of heaven, that he may meetly use, and not boast of the power Thou givest him for edification and not for destruction. Whatever he shall bind on earth, may it be bound in heaven; and whatever he shall loose on earth, may it be loosed in heaven. Whose sins he shall retain, may they be retained; and whosoever he shall remit, do Thou remit them. Let him that curses be accursed, and may he that blesses him be filled with blessings. Let him be that faithful and prudent servant whom Thou, Lord, mayest set over thy household, in spirit fervent, hating pride; and a lover of humility and truth, which may he never forsake by yielding either to flattery or menace. Let him not put light for darkness, nor darkness for light, nor call evil good and good evil. May he be a debtor both to the wise and unwise, that he may gain fruit from the progress of all. Grant to him, O Lord, the Episcopal Chair to rule Thy Church, and the people committed to his charge. Be Thou unto him authority, power, and steadfastness. Multiply upon him Thy blessing and Thy grace, that by Thy gift he may be able ever to prevail with Thy mercy, and through Thy grace may be faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee, together with the Holy Ghost, God throughout all ages, world without end.

All: Amen

The Archbishop intones the following Antiphon:

Ant: The precious oil upon the head, which ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron, which went down to the edge of his garment: the Lord has commanded the blessing forever more.

Psalm 132

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised His Blessing: and life forevermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is then again repeated throughout.

While the above anthem and Psalm are being sung, one of the longer strips from the eight above mentioned, is placed on the neck of the Bishop-elect. The Archbishop sits down, puts on his mitre and removes his gloves, whilst the Bishop-elect kneels before him, having his hands joined. Then the Archbishop anoints with chrism the hands of the Bishop-elect in the form of a cross, by drawing two lines with the thumb of his right hand, which has been dipped in the oil, namely, from the thumb of the right hand to the index finger of the left, and from the thumb of the left hand to the index finger of the right. And afterwards he anoints the entire palms of the Bishop-elect, saying:

✠✠A.B.: May these hands be anointed with hallowed oil, and with the chrism of sanctification, even as Samuel anointed the Prophet, King David, so may they be anointed and consecrated.

In the name of God the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost do we make the sign of the cross of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from death, and brought us to the kingdom of Heaven. Hear us, tender Father Almighty, everlasting God, and grant that what we ask of Thee, we may obtain. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

✠✠A.B.: May God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been pleased to raise thee to the dignity of the high priesthood, shed upon thee the chrism and the oil of mystical anointing, and make thee fruitful with the fullness of spiritual ✠ blessing, that whatsoever thou blesses ✠ may be blessed, and what thou hallowest be hallowed, and that the laying on of this consecrated hands, or thumb, may conduce to the salvation of all.

All: Amen.

He then joins his consecrated hands and binds them with the napkin hanging from the neck of the Bishop-Elect. The Archbishop cleanses his fingers with bread and lemon, receives his gloves and ring, and takes off his mitre and rises to bless the crozier.

✠✠A.B.: Receive this Staff of the Pastoral Office, that in correcting vice thou mayest be mercifully severe, maintaining judgement without anger, that while encouraging the virtue thou mayest gently soothe the souls of thy hearers, nor neglect in calmness the due severity of justice.

All: Amen.

He then puts a ring, the symbol of the new Bishop's espousal to his Church on the third finger of the right hand saying to him:

✠✠A.B.: O Lord, Creator and Preserver of the human race, Giver of spiritual grace, Bestower of eternal salvation, do Thou send forth Thy ✠ blessing upon this ring; so that whosoever shall be adorned with this sign of holiest fidelity, it may avail him by the power of heavenly protection unto eternal life. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sitting with mitre on:

✠✠A.B.: Receive this ring, the signet of faith, that adorned with faith undefiled, thou mayest without blame guard the Bride of God, which is His Holy Church.

All: Amen.

Then taking the Book of the Gospels from his shoulders, he delivers it, closed, touching the Bishop-Elect's fingers, saying:

✠✠A.B.: Receive the Gospel and go, and preach to the people entrusted to thee: for God is able to increase His grace in thee, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Archbishop gives him the Kiss of Peace, saying:

✠✠A.B.: Peace be unto thee.

✠B.E: And with thy Spirit.

The newly consecrated Bishop, accompanied by his Assistants and Attendants, withdraw to his Altar. His hands and head are cleansed. The Gospel is Sung.

Surrendering the mitre and crozier, the Archbishop intones the Creed. The Bishop-Elect does the same at his altar.

After the Credo and the Offertory, the Archbishop sits on his faldstool in front of the Altar, and the newly-consecrated Bishop presents his offerings; two lighted torches, two loaves of bread, and two barrels of wine, which are symbols of the Sacrifice of the New Law, of which the Bishop is a High Priest: for the Episcopate is the perfection of the Priesthood

The Archbishop having received the offerings, turns to the Altar; and the newly consecrated Bishop, standing with his Assistants at the Epistle corner of the Altar, says the rest of the Mass with the Archbishop.

The following secret is added by the newly consecrated Bishop in its proper place:

✠B.E Receive, O Lord, the gifts we offer to Thee, for me, Thy servant, that Thou mayest mercifully watch over the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon me. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Canon of the Mass, before the consecration, the new Bishop says:

✠B.E We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this our offering of our service, as also of all thy family, which we present to Thee on behalf of me, thy servant, whom Thou has been pleased to raise to the Episcopal Order. And mercifully to watch over the gifts Thou has bestowed upon me, that I may carry out in divinely-aided action that which I have received from thy heavenly bounty; likewise that Thou order our days in Thy peace, and rescue us from everlasting damnation, and make us to be numbered with Thy chosen ones. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the Agnus Dei, the newly consecrated Bishop receives the Kiss of Peace from the Archbishop and gives it to his Assistants and Attendants.

The Archbishop having communicated, administers Holy Communion to the newly consecrated Bishop under both kinds. At the Post Communion he says:

✠B.E Do thou work out in us, O Lord, the full remedy of Thy gracious pity, and so mercifully make and keep us that we may be in all things pleasing to Thee: Through Our Lord.

CONCLUSION

✠✠A.B.: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

✠✠A.B.: Go, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Archbishop is given the mitre and crozier.

✠✠A.B.: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit

✠✠A.B.: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever.

✠✠A.B.: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth

✠✠A.B.: May almighty God bless you, the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy ✠ Ghost.

All: Amen.

The Archbishop now puts on his gloves and blesses the mitre with holy water saying the following prayers:

✠✠A.B.: O Lord God, Father Almighty, Whose goodness is wonderful and Whose power immense, from Whom is every best and every perfect gift, the ornament of all beauty, vouchsafe to bless✠ and sanctify✠ this mitre to be placed on the head of this Prelate, Thy servant. Through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

After, the Archbishop takes his seat, and places the mitre on the head of the new Bishop, kneeling before him saying:

✠✠A.B.: We set on the head of this Bishop, O Lord, Thy champion, the helmet of defense and of salvation, that with comely face and with his head armed with the horns of either Testament, he may appear terrible to the gainsayers of the truth, and may become their vigorous assailant, through the abundant gift of Thy grace, who didst make the face of Thy servant, Moses, to shine after familiar converse with thee, and didst adorn it with the resplendent horns of Thy

brightness and Thy truth, and commandest the mitre to be set on the head of Aaron, Thy high priest. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Archbishop removes his mitre and blesses the gloves with holy water saying:

✠✠A.B.: O Almighty Creator, Who hast given to man fashioned after Thy image, hands notable for their formation, as an organ of intelligence for correct workmanship; which Thou hast commanded to be kept clean, so that the soul might worthily be carried in them and Thy mysteries worthily consecrated by them, vouchsafe to bless✠ and sanctify✠ these hand coverings, so that whosoever of Thy holy ministers, the holy Bishops, shall humbly wish to cover their hands with these, Thy mercy shall accord to him cleanness of heart, as well as of deed. Through Christ Our Lord. R. Amen.

With the aid of the Assistant Bishops, he then puts on the gloves, saying:

✠✠A.B.: Compass about, O Lord, the hands of this servant of thine with purity of the new Man, who came down from heaven; that, like as Jacob, Thy beloved one, covering his hands with the skins of kids, and bringing to his father most savory meat and drink, obtained Issac's blessing, so may he, presenting with his hands the Saving Victim, be found worthy to obtain Thy gracious blessing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who, in likeness of sinful flesh, did offer Himself to Thee, on our behalf.

R. Amen.

Then the new Bishop is solemnly enthroned with the pastoral staff, the Archbishop then intones the Te Deum. While the Te Deum is being sung, the newly consecrated Bishop proceeds around the church and gives his blessing to the faithful.

TE DEUM

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry: the Heavens, and all the Pow'rs therein.
To Thee, Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee,
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine Honourable, True: and Only Son:
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the Everlasting Son: of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man:
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants:
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up forever.
Day by day: we magnify Thee;
And we worship Thy Name: world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee, have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

At the end of the hymn the Archbishop removes the mitre intones the following anthem:

May Thy hand be strong, and Thy right hand be uplifted, and justice and judgement be the foundation of Thy throne. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The new Bishop returns to the altar and stands next to the Archbishop who prays:

✠✠A.B.: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

✠✠A.B.: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

✠✠A.B.: Let us pray. O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look down on this servant of Thine, whom Thou has been pleased to set over Thy Church; grant him, we beseech Thee, both by word and example, so to profit those over whom he is placed, that together with the flock committed to him, he may attain life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Archbishop and the Assistant Bishops retire to the Gospel side of the Altar, and the newly consecrated Bishop rising, advances in full Pontificals to the middle of the Altar, and there gives his Solemn Benediction.

✠B.E: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: From henceforth and forevermore.

✠B.E: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

✠B.E: May Almighty God, Father ✠, Son ✠, and Holy ✠ Ghost, bless you.

All: Amen

Then the new Bishop goes to the Epistle corner, meanwhile the Archbishop and Co-consecrators put on their mitres and stand at the Gospel corner; then the new Bishop genuflecting each time sings aloud “Ad multos annos” once at the Epistle corner, once at the center of the altar, and finally at the Gospel corner, rising a semitone each time; afterwards he exchanges once more the kiss of peace with the Archbishop and then the Co-Consecrators.

Then the new Bishop returns to his side altar led by the Co-consecrators to read the Last Gospel, which the Archbishop does at the Altar. Then is the procession formed as usual, the new Bishop and his retinue joining the procession from the side-altar, all bowing to the Archbishop before preceding him in the procession.

PERSONAL BLESSINGS

It is customary to receive the Pontifical Blessing kneeling and to kiss the bishop's ring after.