



Rite of Baptism for Children

Reception of the Children

First the priest or deacon questions the parents of each child:

Priest/Deacon:

What name do you give your child?

Parents:

[Name(s) of child]

Priest/Deacon:

What do you ask of God's Church for [name of child]?

Parents:

Baptism (or other response such as "faith" or "the grace of Christ" or "entrance into the Church" or "eternal life")

The priest or deacon then speaks to the parents of the children to be baptized:

Priest/Deacon:

You have asked to have your children baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents:

We do.

The priest or deacon then speaks to the godparents of the children to be baptized:

Priest/Deacon:

Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers?

Godparents:

We are.



Priest/Deacon:

My dear children, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.

The priest or deacon signs each child on the forehead and then invites the parents and godparents to do the same.

Liturgy of the Word

SCRIPTURAL READINGS AND HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY OF SAINTS

PRAYER OF EXORCISM AND ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

The priest or deacon anoints each child on the chest with the oil of catechumens.

Celebration of the Sacrament

BLESSING AND INVOCATION OF GOD OVER BAPTISMAL WATER

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Priest/Deacon:

Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present these children for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit they are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring them up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives them is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in their hearts. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which these children are about to be baptized.

Priest or Deacon:
Do you reject Satan?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Priest or Deacon:
And all his works?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Priest or Deacon:
And all his empty promises?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Or:

Priest or Deacon:
Do you reject sin, so as to live in the
freedom of God's children?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Priest or Deacon:
Do you reject the glamour of evil, and
refuse to be mastered by sin?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Priest or Deacon:
Do you reject Satan, father of sin and
prince of darkness?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

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

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

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

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Priest or Deacon:
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

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

All:

Amen.

BAPTISM

The priest or deacon addresses the parents and godparents:

Priest/Deacon:

Is it your will that [name of child] should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents and Godparents:

It is.

The priest or deacon baptizes the child.

Explanatory Rites

ANOINTING AFTER BAPTISM

The priest or deacon anoints each child on the crown of the head with chrism.

WHITE GARMENT

LIGHTED CANDLE

The godfather or godmother lights the child's candle from the Easter candle.

EPHPHETHA OR PRAYER OVER EARS AND MOUTH

Conclusion of the Rite

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

