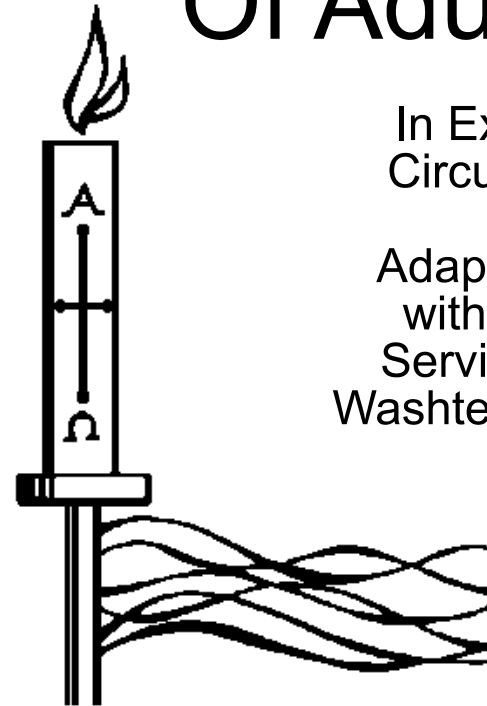


Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults

In Exceptional
Circumstances

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"He gave power to become children of God to all who believe in his name."

Exceptional circumstances may arise in which the local bishop, in individual cases, can allow the use of a form of Christian initiation that is simpler than the usual, complete rite.

The bishop may permit this simpler form to consist in the abbreviated form of the rite that is carried out in one celebration.

Or he may permit an expansion of this abbreviated rite, so that there are celebrations not only of the sacraments of initiation but also of one or more of the rites belonging to the period of the catechumenate and to the period of purification and enlightenment.

The extraordinary circumstances in question are either events that prevent the candidate from completing all the steps of the catechumenate or a depth of Christian conversion and a degree of religious maturity that lead the local bishop to decide that the candidate may receive baptism with out delay.

Expanded Form

332 Extraordinary circumstances, for example, sickness, old age, change of residence, long absence for travel, may sometimes either prevent a candidate from celebrating the rite of acceptance that leads to the period of the catechumenate or having begun the catechumenate, from completing it by participation in all the rites belonging to the period.

Yet merely to use the abbreviated form of the rite given in nos. 340-369 could mean a spiritual loss for the candidate, who would be deprived of the benefits of a longer preparation for the sacraments of initiation. It is therefore important that, with the bishop's permission, an expanded form of initiation be developed by the incorporation of elements from the complete rite for the Christian initiation of adults.

333 Through such an expansion of the abbreviated rite a new candidate can reach the same level as those who are already advanced in the catechumenate, since some of the earlier elements from the full rite can be added...

334 Pastors can arrange this expanded form of initiation by taking the abbreviated for as a basis, then choosing wisely from the full rite to make adaptations in any of the following ways:

1. supplementing the abbreviated form by adding rites

Newly confirmed:

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

367 *Since the profession of faith is not said, the general intercessions begin immediately and for the first time the neophyte takes part in them. They may also help to carry the gifts when they are brought to the altar.*

368 *The eucharistic prayer is to include the special interpolations given for Eucharistic Prayers I, II, III, and IV in the Roman Missal, ritual Masses, "Christian Initiation: Baptism."*

369 *It is most desirable that the neophytes, together with their godparent's, parents, spouse, and catechists, receive communion under both kinds.*

Before saying, "This is the Lamb of God" the celebrant may briefly remind the neophyte of the preeminence of the Eucharist, which is the climax of Christian initiation and the center of the whole Christian life.

365 *The celebrant then lays hands on each person to be confirmed and says the following prayer:*

**All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your son/daughter from sin
and gave him/her new life.**

**Send your Holy Spirit upon him/her
to be his/her helper and guide.**

**Give him/her the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill him/her with the spirit of wonder and awe in your
presence.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

366 *A minister brings the chrism to the celebrant.*

Each candidate, with their godparents, goes to the celebrant. Either or both godparents place the right hand on the shoulder of the candidate and either a godparent or the candidate gives the candidate's name to the celebrant. During the conferral of the sacrament an appropriate song may be sung.

The celebrant dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed as he says:

(each name), **be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Newly confirmed:

Amen.

The celebrant adds:

Peace be with you.

belonging to the period of the catechumenate or adding the presentations;

2. making the rite of "Receiving the Candidate" or the "Liturgy of the Word" in the abbreviated rite separate or expanded celebrations.;
3. replacing elements of the complete rite with elements of the abbreviated form; or combining the rite of acceptance into the order of the catechumens and the rite of election at the time of receiving a properly disposed candidate (which is comparable to the time of receiving interested inquirers in the period of the precatechumenate).

335 When this expanded form of initiation is arranged, care should be taken to ensure that:

1. the candidate has received a full catechesis;
2. the rite is celebrated with the active participation of an assembly;
3. after receiving the sacraments the neophyte has the benefit of a period of postbaptismal catechesis, if at all possible.

Abbreviated Form

336 Before the abbreviated form of the rite is celebrated the candidate must have gone through an adequate period of instruction and preparation before baptism, in order to purify his/her motives for requesting baptism and to grow stronger in conversion and faith. The candidate should also have chosen godparents or a godparent (see no. 11) and become acquainted with the local Christian community (see nos. 39, 75.2).

337 This rite includes elements that express the presentation and welcoming of the candidate and that also express the candidate's clear and firm resolve to request Christian initiation, as well as the Church's approval of the candidate. A suitable liturgy of the Word is also celebrated, then the sacraments of initiation.

338 Normally the rite is celebrated within Mass. The choice of readings should be in keeping with the character of the celebration; they may be either those of the day or those in the Lectionary for Mass, ritual Mass, "Christian Initiation apart from the Easter Vigil." The other Mass texts are those of one of the ritual Masses "Christian Initiation: Baptism" or of another Mass. After receiving baptism and confirmation, the candidate takes part for the first time in the celebration of the Eucharist.

339 If at all possible, the celebration should take place on a Sunday (see no. 27), with the local community taking an active part.

OUTLINE OF THE RITE

Receiving the Candidate

Greeting
Opening Dialogue
Candidate's Declaration
Affirmation by the Godparents
Invitation to the Celebration of the Word of God

Liturgy of the Word

Readings
Homily
Intercessions for the Candidate
[Penitential Rite]
Prayer of Exorcism
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens or
Laying on of Hands

Celebration of Baptism

Invitation to Prayer
Prayer over the Water
Profession of Faith
Renunciation of Sin
Profession of Faith
Baptism
Explanatory Rites
[Clothing with a Baptismal Garment]
Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Celebration of Confirmation

Invitation
Laying on of Hands
Anointing with Chrism

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

362 *Between the celebration of baptism and confirmation, the assembly may sing an appropriate song.*

363 *If the bishop is not present, the celebrant who conferred baptism, confers confirmation.*

364 *The celebrant first speaks briefly to those newly baptized in these or similar words.*

(each name of newly baptized), **born again in Christ by baptism, you have become a member of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized.**

(each name of other candidates to be confirmed) **You too will now share in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be a witness to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be an active member of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.**

With hands joined, the celebrant next addresses the people:

My dear friends, let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on our newly baptized brothers and sisters to strengthen them with His gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

All pray briefly in silence.

Now all those being confirmed profess the creed with the assembly.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

359 The celebration of baptism proceeds immediately with the explanatory rites, after which the celebration of confirmation follows.

CLOTHING WITH A BAPTISMAL GARMENT

360 The garment used in this rite may be white or of a color that conforms to local custom. If circumstances suggest, this rite may be omitted.

The celebrant says the following formulary, and at the words, "Receive this baptismal garment" the godparents place the garment on the newly baptized.

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

Newly Baptized:
Amen.

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

361 The celebration takes the Easter candle in his hands or touches it, saying to the godparents:

Please come forward to give to the newly baptized the light of Christ.

A godparent goes to the celebrant and lights a candle from the Easter candle, then presents it to each of the newly baptized.

Then the celebrant says to all the newly baptized:

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

Newly Baptized:

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Abbreviated Form)

RECEIVING THE CANDIDATE

340 Before the celebration begins, the candidates with their godparents and friends wait outside the church or inside, at the entrance or some other convenient place. The celebrant, wearing the vestments for Mass, goes to meet them, as the faithful sing a psalm or another suitable song.

GREETING

341 The celebrant greets the candidates in a friendly manner. He speaks to the candidates, godparents, and friends, pointing out the joy and happiness of the Church. He recalls for the godparents and friends the particular experience and religious response that have led the candidates, following their own spiritual path, to the present celebration.

The celebrant then invites the godparents and the candidate to come forward. As they are taking their place before him, an appropriate song may be sung, for example, Psalm 63:1-8.

OPENING DIALOGUE

342 Facing the candidate, the celebrant asks the questions that follow. In asking about the candidate's intentions he may use words other than those provided and may let the candidates answer in their own words: for example, to the first question, "What do you ask of the Church of God?" or "What do you desire?" or "For what reason have you come?", he may receive such answers as "The grace of Christ" or "Entrance into the Church" or "eternal life" or other suitable responses. The celebrant will phrase his next question according to the answer received.

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

Candidates:

Faith

Celebrant:

What does faith offer you?

Candidates:

Eternal life.

CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION

343 The celebrant addresses the candidate, adapting as required the following or similar words to the answers received in the opening dialogue.

This is eternal life: to know the one true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent. Christ raised from the dead and appointed by God as the Lord of life and ruler of all things, seen and unseen.

You would not ask for this life or seek baptism today, unless you had already come to know Christ and wanted to become his disciple. And I ask you, have you listened to Christ's Word and resolved to keep His commandments? Have you shared our way of life and joined with us in prayer? Have you done all these things with the intention of becoming a Christian?

Candidate:

I have.

AFFIRMATION BY THE GODPARENTS

344 Then the celebrant turns to the godparents and asks:

You are the candidates' godparents. As God is your witness, do you consider them worthy to be admitted today to the sacraments of Christian initiation?

Godparents:

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?

Candidate:

I do.

Celebrant:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Candidate:

I do.

BAPTISM

358 Immediately after the profession of faith the celebrant baptizes the candidate either by immersion, option A, or by the pouring of water, option B. After the baptism it is appropriate for the people to sing a short acclamation (see Appendix II, no. 595).

B. *If baptism is by the pouring of water, either or both godparents place the right hand on the shoulder of the candidate, and the celebrant, taking baptismal water and pouring it three times on the candidate's head, baptizes in the name of the Trinity.*

(each name), **I baptize you in the name of the Father,**

He pours water the first time.

and of the Son,

He pours water the second time.

and of the Holy Spirit.

He pours water the third time.

EXPLANATORY RITES

RENUNCIATION OF SIN

356 *Using on of the following formularies, the celebrant questions the candidate.*

[At the discretion of the diocesan bishop, the formularies for the renunciation of sin may be made more specific and detailed as circumstances might require (see no. 33.8).]

A. Celebrant:

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

Candidate:

I do.

Celebrant:

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

Candidate:

I do.

Celebrant:

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

Candidate:

I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

357 *Then the celebrant asks the candidate:*

(each name), **do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

Candidate:

I do.

Celebrant:

I do.

Celebrant:

You have spoken in (each name)'s favor. Are you prepared to help them to serve Christ by your words and example?

Godparents:

I am.

The celebrant, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

Father of mercy,

we thank you for your servants, (each name). You have sought and summoned each of them in many ways and they have turned to seek you. You have called each of them today and they have answered in the presence of the Church. Look favorably upon them, and let your loving purpose be fulfilled within them. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INVITATION TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

345 *Using the following or similar words, accompanied by an appropriate gesture, the celebrant invites the candidate and the godparents to enter the church.*

Celebrant:

(each name), **come into the church, to share with us at the table of God's word.**

During the entrance a suitable song is sung or the following antiphon, with Psalm 34:2, 3, 6, 9, 10.

Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

346 *When the candidates and the godparents have taken their place in the church and the celebrant has reached the sanctuary, the liturgy of the word begins; the usual introductory rites of the mass are omitted.*

READINGS

347 *The readings are those already indicated in no. 338.*

HOMILY

348 *The homily follows the gospel reading.*

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

349 *After the homily, the candidate and the godparents come before the celebrant. The entire assembly joins in offering the following or similar intercessions.*

Celebrant:

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who have asked for Christ's sacraments, and let us pray for ourselves, sinners that we are, that we may all draw nearer to Christ in faith and repentance and walk untiringly in newness of life.

Assisting Minister:

That the Lord may kindle in all of us a spirit of true repentance, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That we, who have died to sin and been saved by Christ through baptism, may be living proof of his grace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**In the waters of the Jordan
your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Spirit.**

**Your son willed that water and blood should flow from
His side as he hung upon the cross.**

**After his resurrection he told his disciples:
"Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."**

**Father,
look now with love upon your Church
and unseal for it the fountain of baptism.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit
give to this water the grace of your Son,
so that in the sacrament of baptism
all those whom you have created in your likeness may be
cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by
water and the Holy Spirit.**

*Before continuing, the celebrant pauses and touches the
water with his right hand.*

**We ask you, Father, with your Son
to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font.
May all who are buried with Christ in the death of
baptism rise also with Him in newness of life.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

355 *After the blessing of the water (or prayer of thanksgiving), the celebrant continues with the profession of faith, which includes the renunciation of sin and the profession itself.*

resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church. May he give each the new life of the Holy Spirit, whom we are about to call down on this water.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

354 *Next, the celebrant blesses the water, using option A; he may also use one of the other blessing formularies given in no. 222 as options B and C.*

But when baptism is celebrated during the Easter season and water already blessed at the Easter Vigil is available, the celebrant uses option B, so that this part of the celebration will retain the themes of thanksgiving and intercession; he may also use the second Easter-season thanksgiving formulary given in no. 222 as option E.

BLESSING OF THE WATER: *Facing the font (or vessel) containing the water, the celebrant says the following (music, p. 130).*

**Father,
you give us grace through sacramental signs,
which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.**

**In baptism we use your gift of water,
which you have made a rich symbol of the grace
you give us in this sacrament.**

**At the very dawn of creation
your Spirit breathed on the waters,
making them the wellspring of all holiness.**

**The waters of the great flood
you made a sign of the waters of baptism
that make an end of sin
and a new beginning of goodness.**

**Through the waters of the Red Sea
you led Israel out of slavery
to be an image of God's holy people,
set free from sin by baptism.**

Assisting Minister:

That with trust in God's love and sorrow for sin our brothers and sisters may prepare to meet Christ their Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That by following Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, our brothers and sisters may be healed of the infection of sin and freed from its power, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That by the power of the Holy Spirit each of you Beloved may be cleansed from sin and guided along the paths of holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That through burial with Christ in baptism, each of you Beloved may die to sin and live always for God, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That on the day of judgement we may come before the Father bearing fruits of holiness and love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister:

That the entire world, for which the Father gave His beloved Son, may believe in His love and turn to Him, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

PENITENTIAL RITE

350 *The penitential rite may be omitted, as circumstances suggest. When it is celebrated, after the intercessions the candidates bow their heads or kneel and join the assembly in reciting the general confession of sins.*

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**
All strike their breast.

**in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
and all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution "May almighty God" Is not said.

PRAYER OF EXORCISM

351 *The celebrant concludes the intercessions (and penitential rite) with the following prayer.*

**Father of mercies,
you sent your only Son to rescue us from the slavery of sin
and to give us freedom as your children.**

**We pray for your servants, (each name);
they have faced the temptations of this world and have
been tested by the cunning of Satan; now they
acknowledge their sinfulness and profess their faith.**

**By the passion and resurrection of your Son deliver them
from the powers of darkness and strengthen them through**

**the grace of Christ, that they may journey through life,
shielded by your unfailing care.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

ANOINTING WITH THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS OR LAYING ON OF HANDS

352 *If it has not been celebrated at another time, the anointing with the oil of catechumens, option A, now takes place. Ordinarily, this rite is to be omitted, as decreed by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (see no. 33.7). It is always permissible for the celebrant to substitute a laying on of hands, option B.*

A. Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens: *The celebrant faces the candidate and says:*

**We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of
Christ our Savior. May he strengthen you with his power,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

Candidate:

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION TO PRAYER

353 *The candidates with the godparents go to the baptismal font with the celebrant, then the celebrant addresses the following or a similar invitation for the assembly to join in prayer for the candidates.*

**Dear friends, let us pray to almighty God for our brothers
and sisters, (each name), who are asking for baptism. He
has called them and brought each to this moment; may He
grant them light and strength to follow Christ with a**