

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE: HOLY ORDERS—PRAXIS (3-24-19)

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,
Who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen

PRAXIS: HOLY ORDERS—A SACRAMENT AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND MISSION (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 321-336*)

Ordination of Priests (*The Roman Pontifical—Rite of Ordination of Priests*)

- I. Election of the Candidates
- II. Homily
- III. Promise of the Elect

“Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the presbyterial rank, as worthy fellow workers with the Order of Bishops in caring for the flock?”

“Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?”

“Do you resolve to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church’s Tradition, the Mysteries of Christ, especially the Sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?”

“Do you resolve to implore with us God’s mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?”

“Do you resolve to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest Who offered Himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice, and with Him to consecrate yourselves to God for the salvation of all?”

“Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?”

- IV. Litany of Supplication/Bishop’s Prayer
- V. Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Ordination
- VI. Anointing of Hands and Handing Over of Bread and Wine
 - A. Investiture with stole and chasuble
 - B. Anointing of palms with Holy Chrism

“The Lord Jesus Christ, Whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God.”

C. Acceptance of the oblation

“Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the Mystery of the Lord’s Cross.”

D. Fraternal Kiss of Peace

QUESTIONS (T/F)

1. Roman Catholic priests make a promise of celibacy when they are ordained as priests.
2. Permanent deacons are ordained for a particular parish and serve under the pastor of that parish.
3. The bishop serves a particular Church as the visible head and foundation of unity.
4. The sacramental brotherhood of priests form what is called the “presbyterate.”
5. In urgent cases, a priest is able to ordain a deacon.
6. Transitional and permanent deacons make exactly the same promises at their diaconal ordinations.
7. The Sacrifice of the Mass and a Communion Service are essentially the same Liturgy.
8. The palms of a deacon’s hands are consecrated at his ordination.
9. Those lay faithful who help distribute Holy Communion at Mass or take Holy Communion to the sick or the homebound are properly called “Eucharistic ministers.”
10. The use of the laity in distributing Holy Communion at Mass is intended, according to the norms of Vatican II, for the sake of the fuller participation of the laity in the Church.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Act of Faith,” “Act of Hope,” “Spiritual Communion,” “Psalm 23,” and “The Memorare”
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition
 - A. Did I use my memory and intellect in a way that glorifies God the Father? Ask the Father to heal and purify my memory and intellect.
 - B. Did I unite my heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today by making a Spiritual Communion or receiving Him in Holy Communion? Ask Jesus to heal and purify my heart and will.
 - C. Did I place all my emotions and desires under the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to heal my emotions and purify my desires.
 - D. Did I embrace Mary today as my Mother in the order of grace by praying with her and behaving like one of her spiritual children? Ask Mary to pray for my healing and purification in body and soul.