

right hands over him, and the Bishop, standing with mitre, prays:

“Let us, most beloved Brethren, invoke God, the omnipotent Father, to multiply His heavenly gifts on this His servant, whom He has chosen to the holy order of the priesthood; that, receiving this exalted sacrament in a worthy manner, he may be able to fulfil its obligations with the assistance of divine grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

The Bishop takes off the mitre and continues:

“Hear us, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, and pour out upon this Thy servant the benediction of the Holy Spirit, and the virtue of sacerdotal grace, that he, whom we present for consecration, before the throne of Thy infinite mercy and goodness, may be ever pursued by the plenitude of Thy favors, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God.”

The Bishop then extends his hands and prays, as in the preface of the mass.

Bishop.—“World without end.”

Resp.—“Amen.”

Bishop.—“The Lord will be with you.”

Resp.—“And with thy spirit.”

Bishop.—“Let us raise our hearts.”

Resp.—“We have lifted them up to the Lord.”