

miracles. May his speaking and preaching be not in the persuasive words of human wisdom, but in the show of the spirit and of truth. Give him, O Lord, the keys of the kingdom of heaven, that he may use not glory in this power which you have given for edification, not for destruction. Whatever he shall bind upon the earth let it be bound also in heaven, and whatever he shall loose upon the earth may it be loosed also in heaven.

Whose sins he shall retain, let them be retained, and whose sins he shall remit, let them be remitted. Whosoever he shall curse let him be accursed, and whosoever he shall bless, let him be filled with benedictions. May he be a faithful and prudent servant, whom thou hast appointed, O Lord, over your family, and that he may give them bread in a suitable time, and may he make all men perfect. Let him be incessant in watching and fervent in spirit. Let him hate pride, and let him love and cherish humility and truth, and may neither life nor death separate him from them. Let him not call light darkness or darkness light. Let him not call bad good or good bad. Let him be a debtor to the wise and foolish, and, like St. Paul, let him be all to all men. O Lord, may you give him an episcopal chair to govern your Church and the people intrusted to his care. Give him authority, and power, and strength. Multiply upon him benedictions and graces, that he may be always a fit subject to obtain your mercy, and let him not ever abuse your graces. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns as God, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever, Amen.

After the Preface is finished the Consecrator recites the Antiphon.

Like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard of Aaron, which ran down to the skirt of his garment, and as the dew of Hermon, which descendeth upon Mount Sion, for there the Lord hath commanded blessing and life for ever more.

The 132d Psalm is then said, at the commencement of which a cloth is placed upon the neck of the elected. The Consecrator sits down, receives the mitre, and anoints both hands of the Elected, who is kneeling before him, saying: May these hands be anointed with the sanctified oil, and with the chrism of sanctification, as Samuel anointed King David and the prophet. Thus too may they be anointed and consecrated, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and proceeds with the prayer: May God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has condescended to raise you to the Pontifical dignity, may infuse into you the chrism and liquor of this mystical ointment, and may fertilize you with the sanctifying dew of a spiritual benediction. Whatever you bless may it be blessed, and whatever you sanctify may it be sanctified, and may these consecrated hands aid every person who come to you in the great work of their eternal salvation.

The Consecrator then, having deposed his mitre, rises to bless the crosier, (if not blessed already) and after sprinkling it with holy water takes his seat with the mitre on his head, and delivers the crosier to the Elected (already consecrated), saying: Receive the crosier of your pastoral office, that you may be severe, yet lead by the principles of religion in the correcting of vices. May you hold judgment without anger, and may you be assiduous in the promotion of all virtue, and may you never forget to pass censures when deserved, bearing in mind that you must be guided by charity in all things.

BLESSING OF THE RING.

After the delivery of the crosier the Consecrator, having deposed his mitre, rises to bless the ring (if not already blessed), and again returns to his seat with his mitre. He then places the ring on the annular finger of the right hand of the consecrated, saying: Receive this ring as a testimony of your faith, and that being ornamented with an inviolable belief, you may guard undefiled the spouse of God, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church. Amen.

The Book of the Gospels is now taken from his shoulders by the Consecrator and Assisting Bishop and given to him to touch, the Consecrator saying: Receive the Gospel, and