After this, the new priest places both his hands in those of the Bishop, whilst the latter asks: Dost thou promise me and my successors reverence and obedience. To which the former answers: I do.

Then the Bishop embraces him, saying: May the peace of the Lord be with thee for ever. And the other answers:

Amen.

The Bishop hereupon addresses him in a few words,

blesses him, and then continues the Mass.

After the last Orations, having given to the assembly his solemn blessing, he thus again addresses the new priest:

Most beloved son, consider attentively the order thou hast received, and the duties it imposes; strive to lead a holy and religious life, and to please Almighty God, that thou mayest be able to acquire His grace, which may He through his mercy grant thee.

After thy first Mass, say three more, one of the Holy Ghost, a second in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and the third for the repose of the faithful departed, and pray to

the omnipotent God for me also.

To which the new priest bows in assent; then is read the beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.