

of the Altar, where they kneel while the Bishop communicates them, saying,

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thee to life everlasting. R. Amen.

Before receiving Communion each one kisses the hand of the Bishop which contains the Host.

One of the Bishop's attendants now gives to each of the newly ordained Priests the Chalice containing wine, where-with they purify themselves, and the Bishop having himself received the oblations, puts on his mitre and washes his hands.

Then standing at the Gospel side of the Altar, without his mitre, he begins the following Responsory, which is continued by the Choir.

Now shall I no longer call you servants, but my friends, since ye know what I have wrought in the minds of you. Alleluia. Receive the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, within you; He it is, Whom the Father will send to you. Alleluia. Ye are my friends, if ye do what I command you. Receive. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. He it is.

The Bishop after having begun this Responsory, receives his mitre and turns to the Priests just ordained, who stand before the Altar and thus profess their faith:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hell, on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascendeth into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of Sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Bishop sitting on the faldstool before the middle of the Altar, places both his hands on the head of each newly ordained Priest kneeling before him, to whom he saith,

Receive the Holy Ghost, whose sins thou shalt forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou shalt retain, they are retained.

He then unfolds the Chasuble which each has folded upon his shoulders, and putting it upon each, saith to him,

May the Lord clothe thee with the Stole of innocency.

Each Priest now goes to the Bishop, and kneeling before him, places his own hand joined between those of the Bishop, if he be his Ordinary. Who saith to him,

Dost thou promise to me, and to my successors, reverence and obedience? R. I do.

If the Bishop be not the Ordinary, he saith as follows,

Dost thou promise to the Bishop or Prelate who is thine Ordinary for the time being reverence and obedience. R. I do.

Then the Bishop holding the hands of each between his own, kisses him, saying,

The peace of the Lord be ever with thee. R. Amen.

When they have returned to their places, the Bishop sitting with his mitre and staff, admonishes them,

Dearly beloved children, as the ministry of that which ye have to handle is indeed full of danger, I admonish you that ye do diligently learn from other learned priests the whole Order of the Mass and touching the Consecration, the Breaking and the Communion of the Host, before ye draw nigh to celebrate the Mass.

Then rising with mitre and staff, he blesses them in an audible voice, saying,

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the and Son, the Holy Ghost descend upon you, that and ye may be blessed in the priestly order; and offer acceptable sacrifices for the sins and offences of His people unto God Almighty, to Whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. R. Amen.

He then turns to the Altar and goes on with the Mass. In addition to the Postcommunion of the day, the following one is said,

Do Thou, O Lord, mercifully further with Thy continual help those whom Thou refreshest with Thy Sacraments, that we may enjoy the fruits of Thy Redemption both in Thy mysteries and in our lives. Through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Then is said 'Benedicamus Domino,' or 'Ite Missa est,' as the time requires.

Then the Bishop with mitre and staff gives the accustomed Blessing. After this he sits down and thus addresses those who have been ordained, saying,

Dearly beloved children; consider diligently the dignity ye have received, and the burden placed upon your shoulders. Endeavour to live a holy and religious life, and to please God Almighty, that you may obtain His grace, which He will mercifully vouchsafe to grant you. Do ye all who have been raised to the first Tonsure, and to the four minor Orders, say once the seven Penitential Psalms, with the Litany, Versicles, and Prayers. Those who have been raised to the Subdiaconate or to the Diaconate, do ye say the Nocturn of such a day. And those who have been ordained to the Priesthood, after their first Mass shall say three other Masses, to wit, one of the Holy Ghost, one of the Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, and a third for the faithful departed, not omitting to pray to Almighty God for me also.

To this address the ordained reverently give their attention, and at the conclusion reply:

Willingly.

The service concludes by the Bishop reading the Gospel according to St John, as is prescribed in the Ordinary of the Mass, the newly ordained Priests repeating the same in their several places.

NB.—Erratum in the Ordination of Exorcists, see page 3—for dele possessed Bodies' omit the word *dele*.

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