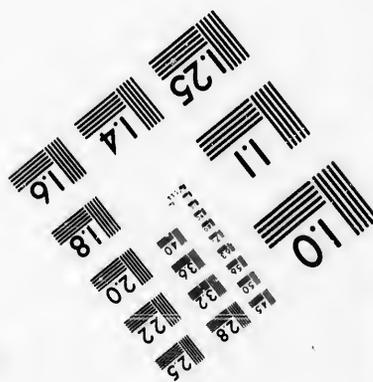
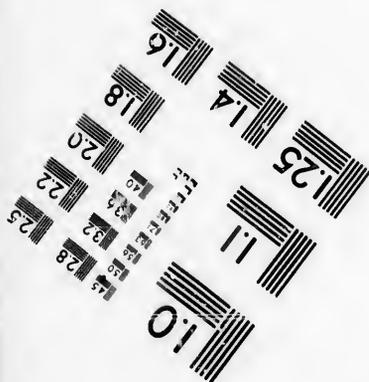
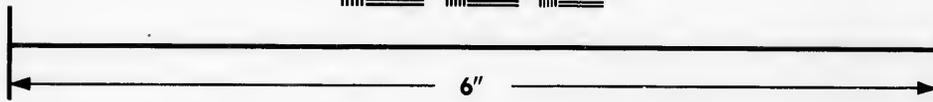
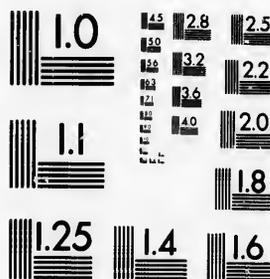


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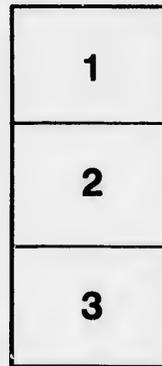
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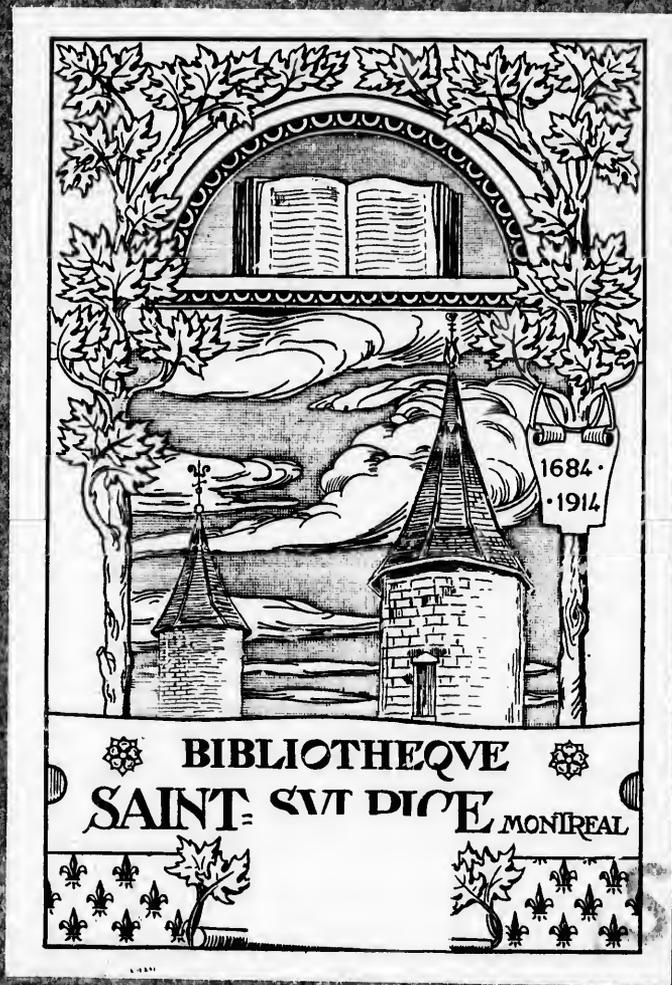
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The Form of Consecrating a Church.

The Bishop is to be received at the west door, or at some other part of the Church, or Churchyard, which is most convenient for his entrance, by some of the principal inhabitants.

At the place where the Bishop is received, a petition is to be delivered to him by some one of the persons who receive him, praying that he will consecrate the Church.

The Petition is to be read by the Secretary.

The Bishop, his Chaplains, the Preacher, and the Minister who is to read Divine Service, together with the rest of the Clergy, if any other be present, enter the Church, and repair to the Vestry, where, as many as are to officiate put on their several habits; during which time, the Parishioners are to repair to their seats, and the middle ile is to be kept clear.

As soon as the Church is quiet, the Bishop and his Chaplains, with the Preacher and the Minister who is to officiate, and the rest of the Clergy, if any other be present, return to the west door, and go up the middle ile to the Communion Table, repeating the 24th Psalm alternately, as they go up, the Bishop one verse, and they another.

P S A L M XXIV.

1. **T**HE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall rise up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

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5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

8. Who is the King of Glory? it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

10. Who is the King of Glory? even the Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

The Bishop and his Chaplains go within the rails; the Bishop to the north side of the Communion Table, and the Chaplains to the south side: The minister officiating goes to the reading desk, and the Preacher to some convenient seat near the Pulpit.

The Bishop, sitting in his chair, is to have the instrument or instruments of donation and endowment presented to him by the founder, or some proper substitute; which he lays upon the Communion Table, and then standing up, and turning to the congregation, says:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the blessed spirit, or by the express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the publick worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his Glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father: Let us not doubt but he will also favourably approve our godly purpose, of setting apart this place in solemn manner, to the performance of the several offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

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Then the Bishop kneeling, says the following prayer.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great name; separating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it to thy service, for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy sacraments, for offering to thy Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy name, and for the performance of all other holy ordinances: Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success, as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, thro' Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, let the Bishop stand up, and turning his face toward the Congregation, say :

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants; and grant, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified with the holy ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy holy spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordi-

ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy holy spirit, grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul; may do it with such steadfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them: All which we beg for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Bishop sitting in his chair.

Then the sentence of consecration is to be read by the Official, and signed by the Bishop, and by him ordered to be registered, and then laid upon the Communion Table.

After this, the person appointed is to read the Service for the Day, except where it is otherwise directed.

Proper Psalms, 84, 122.

First Lesson, 1 Kings 8. from v. 22. incl. to v. 62.

Second Lesson, Hebr. 10. from v. 19. incl. to v. 26.

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After the Collect for the Day the Minister who reads the Service stops till the Bishop hath said the following Prayer.

O Most Blessed Saviour, who by thy gracious presence at the feast of dedication, didst approve and honour such Religious Services, as this which we are now performing unto thee, be present at this time with us also by thy holy spirit and because holiness becometh thine house for ever; sanctify us we pray thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, who art Our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Then the Minister proceeds in the Service of the Day, to the end of the General Thanksgiving, after which, the Bishop says the following Prayer.

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased thee by thy good spirit, to dispose our Gracious Sovereign, to supply the spiritual wants of thy people, by appointing this Church to be erected and endowed for thy worship and service; multiply thy blessings upon him, for his pious regard to thy honour, and to the good of souls; remember him concerning this, and wipe not out the kindness he has shewed to thy Church, and to the offices thereof; and grant that he may see and long enjoy the fruits of his godly zeal, in the edification of the Members of our Church, and in the reduction of those, in the spirit of meekness, who dissent from it; that we may all live together in the unity of the spirit, and in the bond of peace, thro' Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen*

Then the Minister who officiates, is to go on the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then a Psalm is to be sung, viz. 26. 6, 7, 8. with Gloria Patri.

Communion Service.

The Bishop, standing on the north side of the Communion Table, as before, reads the Communion Service.

After the Collect for the King, he says the following Prayer.

O Most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee any thing belonging to us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness graciously to accept the dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking: Receive the prayers and intercessions of us, and all other thy servants, who either now or hereafter entering into this house, shall call upon thee; and give both them and us grace to prepare our hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear: Affect us with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may always perform a service acceptable to thee, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The two Chaplains are to read, one the Epistle, and the other the Gospel.

The Epistle; 2 Cor. 6. 14. incl. to v. 17.

The Gospel, Joh. 2. v. 13. to v. 18. incl.

Then the Bishop reads the Nicene Creed. After which, a Psalm is sung, viz. Pf. 100.

The Sermon.

The Sermon being ended, and all who do not receive the Holy Communion retired, and the doors shut; the Bishop proceeds in the Communion Service; and he, and the Clergy having made their oblations, the Churchwardens collect the offerings of the rest of the Congregation.

After the Communion, and immediately before the final blessing, the Bishop says the following Prayer.

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth; bless, we beseech thee, the religious performance of this day: And grant that in this place, now set apart to thy service, thy holy name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations, thro' Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ Our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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