

THE ORDER OF CHRISMATION

The Priest stands with his face toward the Catechumens, and says:

May the Holy Ghost come upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sin **R. Amen.**

Then, signing himself with the sign of the Cross he says:

V. ✠ Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven / and earth.

V. O Lord hear / our prayer.

R. And let our cry come un/to thee.

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. And with thy spi/rit.

With his hands extended over the Catechumens, he says:

Let us pray: Almighty everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy *servants and handmaids* by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto *them* the remission of all *their* sins, send forth upon *them* Thy seven-fold Spirit, the Holy Paraclete from heaven. **R. Amen.** The Spirit of Wisdom and understanding. **R. Amen.** The Spirit of counsel and fortitude. **R. Amen.** The Spirit of knowledge and godliness. **R. Amen.**

Replenish *them* with the Spirit of Thy fear, and sign *them* with the sign of the ✠ Cross of Christ, in Thy mercy unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **R. Amen.**

The Priest, having dipped the end of his right thumb in Chrism, makes the sign of the Cross with his thumb, on the Catechumens, saying

N., I sign thee with the sign of the ✠ Cross, and I confirm thee with the Chrism of Salvation: the Seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **R. Amen.**

Note that the forehead, ears, chin, hands and chest may be anointed.

Then the Priest strikes the person gently on the cheek saying

Peace be with thee.

The Priest wipes the forehead of the person with cotton and his own hands with bread crumb, and washes them over a basin. While he is washing his hands, the following is sung or said: Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, from Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Confirm...

The Priest then says:

V. Show us thy mercy, / O Lord.

R. **And grant us thy salva/tion.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, Who didst give to Thine Apostles the Holy Spirit, and didst will that by them and their successors He should be delivered to the rest of the faithful; look mercifully on the service of our humility; and grant that the heart of *them* whose forehead we have anointed with the sacred Chrism, and signed with the sign of the holy Cross, may, by the same Holy Spirit descending therein, be made the temple of his glory. Who, with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. *R.* **Amen.**

Behold, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

Making the sign of the Cross over the persons, he says:

May the Lord ☩ bless you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and have life everlasting. *R.* **Amen.**

The service continues with the Mass.