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Excerpts from *The Order of Baptism of Children*

Reception or Welcoming of the Child: Opening Dialogue

The celebrant speaks to the parents in these or similar words:

In asking for Baptism for your children, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising them in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, they may love the Lord and their neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility? (Number 39)

Then the celebrant turns to the godparents and addresses them in these or similar words:

Are you ready to help the parents of these children in their duty? (Number 40)

Liturgy of the Word: Intercessions

The lector reads the following prayers during the General Intercessions:

Give these children new birth in Baptism through the radiant divine mystery of your Death and Resurrection, and join them to your holy Church.

Make them faithful disciples and witnesses to your Gospel through Baptism and Confirmation.

Lead them through holiness of life to the joys of the heavenly Kingdom.

Make their parents and godparents a shining example of the faith to these children.

Keep their families always in your love. (Number 47)

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

The priest leads the parents and godparents in renewing the vows of Baptism.

Dear parents and godparents:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism the children you have presented are about to receive from the love of God new life by water and the Holy Spirit.

For your part, you must strive to bring them up in the faith, so that this divine life may be preserved from the contagion of sin, and may grow in them day by day.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, then, mindful of your own Baptism, renounce sin and profess faith in Christ Jesus, the faith of the Church, in which children are baptized.

Do you renounce Satan?



And all his works?

And all his empty show?

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of children of God?

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? (Numbers 56–57)

The Rite of Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

After the Baptism, the priest gives this commentary as the baptismal garment is placed on the newly baptized infant(s):

(Infants' names), you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourselves in Christ. May this white garment be a sign to you of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring it unstained into eternal life. (Number 63)

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

The priest gives this commentary as the baptismal candle is lit for the newly baptized infant(s):

Receive the light of Christ. . . . Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that your children, enlightened by Christ, may walk always as children of the light and, persevering in the faith, may run to meet the Lord when he comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court. (Number 64)

Blessing

The priest prays this blessing for the parents of the newly baptized infant(s):

The Lord God Almighty, through his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, brings joy to Christian mothers as the hope of eternal life shines forth upon their children. May he graciously bless the mothers of these children, so that, as they now give thanks for the gift of their children, they may always remain united with them in thanksgiving, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May the Lord God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth, bless the fathers of these children, so that, together with their wives, they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their children, in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Number 70)

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