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TO THE HOLY GHOST

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INTRODUCTION

THIS work not only supplies the faithful with a number of very beautiful prayers to the Holy Ghost, it also brings to their notice and stresses a very important dogmatic truth. The prayers reveal the universal activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. By what in theology is called "the law of appropriation," the effective agency in the economy of redemption is attributed to the Third Divine Person. That this appropriation is not the indulgence of mere poetic fancy on the part of the theologian is made manifest by the words of our Divine Saviour, at the close of the Last Supper.

It goes without saying that there is an indivisible oneness in all the activities of the Divine Nature, as exercised outside the circle of the Divine Life proper. Yet the utter distinction of the Divine Persons from one another is a truth on the same level as the absolute oneness

of the Divine Nature which each possesses in its fullness. The Second Person alone became incarnate. Neither the Father nor the Holy Ghost took flesh. On the Son alone, through the humanity He assumed devolved the role of cancelling out sin and meriting redemption for mankind. His part in this divine drama ended, in a certain sense, with His ascension into heaven. The Third Divine Person then appears on the stage as the chief protagonist in all the succeeding scenes which have their dénouement in eternity. He carries out the work of redemption by forming the souls of men to the life won for them by Christ: He had inaugurated the work of redemption by forming Christ Himself in the womb of Mary.

All this is adumbrated in the Saviour's parting words to His apostles on the eve of His death. He intimated to them that, in a mysterious manner, His own part in their supernatural formation was

drawing to a close, and that His place in that work was to pass to another. As the Word of God, that is the Living Expression of what God is, it had been for Him to reveal God and God's mind. He had spent three years developing for them and for others the divine message. He had spoken clearly: men heard His words: but their souls did not lay hold of the implications of what He had said to them. The apostles caught the terms but missed the meaning of the sentences which were woven of these terms. Jesus says so explicitly: what is more He implies that it could not but be so. "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will teach you the truth. . . . The Holy Ghost will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you." (St. John XVI. 12, 13, and XIV. 26). Christ's exposition of

Divine Truth was but part of a whole process. He revealed: it belonged to Another to carry that supernatural doctrine into the very spirit of men and to cause the intelligence to be illuminated by it. The apprehension of Christ's meaning which was to come only after Christ's exaltation is to be due entirely to the active intervention of the Third Divine Person. Not only does the Holy Spirit enlighten the mind, He, as well, strengthens the will, so that it does not falter in face of the rude discipline of life that becomes of obligation on the apprehension of the Divine Truths. The moral code of Jesus is the logical consequence of the lofty status which He reveals as the condition of man when redeemed. **Noblesse oblige.** Born of water and the Holy Ghost, the Christian is an adopted child of God and co-heir with Christ. His actions must, of moral necessity, be stamped with the dignity that is his. But no external teaching, no stirring

exhortation, will suffice to enable the Christian to play worthily the part that has been assigned to him. There is needed for this a divine energy working from within. The Holy Spirit imparts this divine energy. The Passion generated the exhaustless reservoirs of the divine power. The Holy Spirit engineers the connections between these reservoirs and the soul of man.

The whole of a man's deliberate life and not merely the specifically religious parts of it, contribute to the work of educating a man to be a worthy citizen of heaven. All division of a Christian's activities into secular and religious is artificial. Whether he eats or drinks or whatsoever else he does, he must do in the spirit of a child of God. All must be invested with a Godward tendency. Every act of his whether concerned directly with God or directly with the concerns of human life, is meant by God to have its effect in forming and perfecting the Christian character.

The whole life of redeemed man, in God's design, is meant to be formative of him for heaven. It is the Holy Ghost whose inspirations can infuse that formative quality into men's actions. It is He, therefore, that presides over the whole area of human activity with a view to giving it an eternal significance and an eternal value. In a word, the Holy Ghost intervenes, when redemption has been won, to mould life to the form that it must have, if it is to adapt man for heaven.

It is the specific work of the Spirit of Jesus to form the Christian to be a Christian. Christ when leaving His apostles told them that they would not be deprived of a guide. Another would succeed Him, to lead them heavenwards. Their orphan state would end with the coming of that other. History reveals how this promise of Christ has been verified. The apostles were changed men after Pentecost. All the truth of Christ, henceforth, came from them without

error or without hesitation. But it was not only to them that Christ's promise was made. It was given in a certain proportion, to all the faithful of all times. The action of the Holy Ghost is revealed in that quasi-instinctive knowledge of the profound truths of supernatural religion which is discernible in those Christians who strive to shape their lives after Christ's teaching. Their enlightenment and their understanding of transcendental truths, are the bewilderment and the envy of those who are wise only with the wisdom of this earth.

Man's life is rightly lived when it bears him on undeviatingly to the Beatific Vision. The virtue of Prudence is needed to regulate life in this sense. The Spirit of Jesus infuses the virtue of Prudence into the activities of the whole Mystical Body of Christ and into each member of that Body. The Christian will order the affairs of his life — even in their temporal aspect, aright when he wills to submit

himself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For the temporal life and the eternal are meant, in God's plan to form one indivisible whole. Temporal affairs are of interest to the Holy Ghost as well as eternal affairs, for the former prepare for the latter. The temporal furnishes men with the threads out of which the eternal is woven. The Holy Spirit presides at the loom. He sends the shuttle of divine grace through the Christian's doings and sufferings, weaving them into a divine pattern. When a man in all his decisions, enterprises and actions calls upon the Holy Ghost to enlighten and direct him, he lives a life on earth that will prove a progress towards heaven. It is most fitting that there should be, as there is in this prayerbook, an appropriate prayer to the Holy Spirit, for all the ordinary needs of life.

The Saviour gave the name Paraclete to the Third Divine Person. The word means one who exhorts and comforts. There is need

of fortitude on the part of the follower of Christ if he is to force his actions and his trials into that mould which shall give them a heavenly form and stamp them with eternity. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Force. He inspires courage and heroic endurance into his devout clients. This action of His was made manifest at the beginning of the Church's career. On the morning of Pentecost the timorous apostles were transformed into fearless champions of the faith. Not only was darkness dispelled from their minds, fear was also dispelled from their hearts. They found themselves emboldened to risk persecution and death in the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ. The Holy Spirit exhorts them to that enterprise: so too He heartens the individual Christian to establish the reign of God in his soul.

The path through life of the follower of Christ is a path plentifully strewn with trials and sorrows.

Grief weighs down the soul at times and paralyses its energies. It needs strengthening if it is not to shrivel up in the fires of tribulation. Human sympathy is powerless to minister this inner strength and comfort. It can be imparted only by God. The Divine Saviour sent His Holy Spirit to sustain and comfort the Christian in his trials. The Paraclete means one who comforts. The Holy Ghost is the love of God personified. That love of God has all the gentleness and understanding of maternal affection. It comes natural, therefore, to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity to cherish, to encourage and to give consolation to those of God's children who are fainting by the way, under a burden of grief.

We are wise when we turn to the Holy Ghost in all the issues of life, temporal as well as spiritual. Our recourse to Him should not be occasional and particular: it should be continual and in regard of all necessities. Father Hoeger in this

valuable book of prayers has shown the Christian how to exercise this universal appeal to the Holy Spirit, by providing a prayer for almost every eventuality. May his book serve to impart a tender devotion to the Holy Ghost, and give its readers to understand how intimate is the role played by the Holy Spirit in all the concerns of the Christian's life.

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Feast of Pentecost,

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Holy Days of Obligation

Days on which the faithful are bound to attend Mass and rest from servile work.

All the Sundays of the year.

January 1 — The Circumcision of Our Lord, or New Year's Day.

Ascension Day.

August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

November 1—All Saints' Day.

December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

December 25—The Nativity of our Lord, or Christmas Day.

The Church Law of Fast and Abstinence

1. The Law of Abstinence forbids the use of flesh-meat and of the juice thereof (soups, etc.). Eggs, cheese, butter and seasonings of food are permitted. The law of Fast permits only one full meal a day. However, it does not forbid the taking of a little food in the morning and evening.

2. All Catholics seven years old and over are obliged to abstain. All Catholics from the completion of their twenty-first to the beginning of their sixtieth year, unless lawfully excused, are bound to fast.

3. Abstinence is prescribed every Friday, unless a holy-day of obligation falls thereon.

Fasting and abstinence are prescribed in the United States on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent and Holy Saturday forenoon (on all other days of Lent fasting is prescribed and meat is allowed once a day) the Ember Days, viz., the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following the first Sunday of Lent, Pentecost or Whit-Sunday, the fourteenth day of September, and the third Sunday of Advent; the Vigils of Pentecost, Assumption, All Saints and Christmas. There is no fast or abstinence if a Vigil falls on a Sunday. Whenever meat is permitted, fish may be taken at the same meal. A dispensation is granted to the laboring classes and their families on all days of fast and abstinence, except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday in Holy Week, Holy Saturday forenoon, and the Vigil of Christmas. When any member of such a family uses this privilege lawfully all the other members may avail themselves of it also; but those who fast may not eat meat more than once a day.

LAY BAPTISM

Any person, whether man, woman or child, may baptize an infant; in case of danger of death. In such a case, take common water, pour it on the head or face of the child, and while you are pouring it say:

"I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

PART I

Prayers and Devotions
to the Holy Ghost



Morning Prayers

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: the earth is full of thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost.

INTENTION

O HOLY Ghost, Divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to thee my mind, heart and will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my mind be ever docile to thy divine inspirations and to the teachings of the holy Catholic Church whose infallible guide thou

art; my heart ever inflamed with the love of God and of my neighbor; my will ever conformable to the divine will; and my whole life a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and thee be honor and glory forever. Amen.

QUERNAL Spirit, increase within my soul, faith, hope and charity, that I may believe ever firmly the truths which thou hast revealed, hope ever confidently in thy divine promises, and love sincerely thee, my God, and all my fellow men who were created to thy image and likeness. Amen.

ACT OF FAITH

O MY God, I firmly believe all the sacred truths which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because thou hast revealed them who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

ACT OF HOPE

O MY God, relying on thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

ACT OF CHARITY

O MY God, I love thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because thou art infinitely perfect and worthy of all my love; I love my neighbor as myself for the love of thee. Amen.

OUR FATHER

O UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

HAIL Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended 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 com-

munion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING CONSECRATION TO THE
HOLY GHOST

SPIRIT of Light, of Love and of Life, be with us every hour of this day. Illumine, vitalize, enkindle us. Lift up our hearts; keep in strength and in honor the body which thou has chosen for thine own temple. Grant to us integrity of purpose; cleanse us of self-love and self-deceit. Reveal to us the beauty of holiness, O thou who art the Spirit of Truth and not less the Comforter! Speak to us above the voices of the world, and give us grace evermore to hear thee—who together with the Father and the Son art one God for all eternity. Amen.

NUNC SANCTE

Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son
And God the Father ever one:
Shed forth thy grace within our breast,
And dwell with us a ready guest.

By every power, by heart and tongue
By act and deed thy praise be sung:
Inflame with perfect love each sense,
That others' souls may kindle thence.

O Father let what we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

PRAYER

O GOD of love, through the gift of piety arouse in my soul an active living sympathy for the prisoners of my heavenly Master, who now suffer in purgatory. I wish to gain all the indulgences possible this day for those poor souls, especially for the repose of the soul of (*Name*). Speak, Lord, and I, thy distracted servant, will strive to hear; remind me often this day to breathe a short prayer for those suffering souls who love thee now more constantly than I do.

Holy Mary, chaste spouse of the Holy Ghost, help me to keep spotless the temple of the Divine Spirit within me.

Ye Saints of God, glorious temples of the same Divine Spirit, teach me to adorn the altar of my soul with the bright lights of good deeds and the beautiful flowers of virtue. Amen.





Night Prayers

✠ In the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts
of thy faithful, and kindle in them
the fire of thy love.

The day is done, and with the night
Let thanks and prayers and hymns begin.
We cry to thee, O God of Light
Keep thou our souls from stain of sin.

From our deep hearts we sing to thee.
Our blended voices hail thy name,
O Holy Love, our lover be,
As we adore thee and proclaim.

Let not the mind in slothful ease
Leave ought of evil to remain;
Let faith drive forth all phantasies
And every dream impure and vain.

Eternal Father, sole-born Son,
And Holy Spirit, hear our prayer,
Thou potent Godhead, three in one,
Support and keep us in thy care.

How can I thank thee sufficiently,
O Blessed Spirit, for all thou hast
done for me! Thou hast guided me
safely to the end of another day,
and now I lay at thy feet the fruits
of this day's labor. All the good is
thine; all the evil and imperfections
are mine. I call upon thy Immacu-
late Spouse, the ever Blessed Vir-
gin Mary, upon all the heavenly
court and especially upon my Bless-
ed patron Saint, to thank thee, love
thee, and praise thee in my behalf.
Amen.

O Holy Ghost, eternal source of
light, dispel the darkness which
conceals from me the filth and mal-
ice of my sins. Grant me a lively
sense of their enormity, that I may
hold them in the utmost detesta-
tion, and dread nothing so much as
to commit them hereafter.

*(Examine your conscience to find out
the sins you may have committed in
thought, word, deed or omission.)*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend thee my God who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

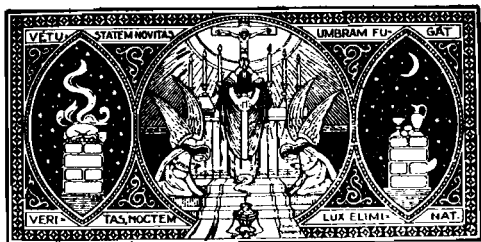
O ETERNAL Father, I offer thee the precious Blood of thy only begotten Son in reparation for my sins and those of all mankind.

O HOLY Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, let the might of thy love be ever more felt in the hearts of men. Let thy light shine upon the souls that are wandering in darkness far away from God. Turn them to the life-giving heart of Jesus. Strengthen the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying. Bless my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies. Per-

fect in them thy seven gifts and so make them thy temples here that thou mayest be adored in them forever hereafter. Amen.

INTO thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Bless the repose which I am going to take, that, by renewing my bodily strength I may be the better enabled to serve thee. Amen.





Devotions at Holy Mass

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts
of thy faithful and kindle in them
the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy Spirit and they
shall be created

And thou shalt renew the face of
the earth.

LET US PRAY

O GOD who hast taught the
hearts of thy faithful by the
light of the Holy Ghost, grant that
by the gift of the same Spirit, we
may always be truly wise and ever
rejoice in his holy consolations.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD of love and mercy, give
ear to our prayers and send
down the Holy Ghost upon us, to en-
able us to attend worthily the sac-

rifice of thy Divine Son. Through the same Holy Spirit, help us to approach so great a mystery with due reverence, awe and devotion. Strengthen our faith in the real presence, confirm our hope and confidence in the sacrifice of Jesus, increase our love for him who loved us even unto death. Amen.

CONFITEOR

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

AT THE GLORIA

O MY good and merciful Creator, O my most loving Father, hast thou indeed so far overlooked my misery and my unworthiness as to make my soul the tabernacle of thy Holy Spirit? O my God, accept the praises of thy angels and saints in thanksgiving for thy unbounded mercies towards me. May the bless-

ed Mother of thy Divine Son and the glorious company of thy Apostles, thank thee for me. May the cross of Jesus Christ defend me from all my enemies and save me at the last day. May the inward unction of sanctifying grace penetrate my soul, soften my heart, strengthen my will, and consecrate my whole being to thy service. Amen.

AT THE COLLECT

LET US PRAY

O GOD who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost; grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may relish what is right and ever rejoice in his holy consolations. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

BEFORE THE EPISTLE
AND GOSPEL

QUERNAL Spirit of Truth, thou hast revealed to us through

thy great Apostle Peter, that there are things in the Epistles and other Scriptures that are hard to be understood, things which the unlearned wrest to their perdition. I thank thee sincerely for this warning. Suffer me not to be shipwrecked in my faith; make me ever a docile member of the Holy Catholic Church, for to her thou hast confided the eternal truths.

EPISTLE (ROM. VIII. 11-18)

IF the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you; he that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies, because of his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die: but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live; for whosoever are lead by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spir-

it of bondage again in fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father). For the Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God. And if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: yet so, if we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us.

BEFORE THE GOSPEL

O HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light and love, enlighten my mind and inflame my heart that the word of God may penetrate my whole being and like seed falling upon good ground, bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.

GOSPEL (JOHN XIV. 26-27)

THE Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send

in my name, he will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things, visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father, through whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and

ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

AND I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and life-giver, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

AT THE OFFERTORY

COME, thou Sanctifier, almighty, eternal God, and bless this sacrifice made ready for thy name. Through thy intervention we have Jesus Incarnate, who will soon descend upon the altar under the appearances of bread and wine.

Cleanse our hearts that they may be worthy to be offered in union with Jesus to the everlasting service of their Creator. Whether we eat or drink or whatever else we do, we wish to do all in union with Jesus crucified for the greater honor and glory of God. Amen.

When the Priest washes his hands

O MOST pure Spirit, wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great goodness. I have done evil before thee; I have sinned against thee; I have wasted thy gifts and have grieved thee. If thou wilt sprinkle me, I shall be made clean; if thou wilt wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. By the merits of Jesus and his adorable blood, I ask thee to blot out all my iniquities. I ask thee, by thy love of the Incarnate Word, to renew in me a right spirit and make my

heart pure. So wilt thou strengthen me and give me joy. Thou wilt give me the joy of thy glory, that I may give thanks to thee. In thy love thou wilt call me, O Spirit of life, to thy heavenly kingdom.

AT THE SECRET PRAYER

SANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer: and purify our hearts by shedding upon them the light of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

PREFACE

IT is truly meet and just, right and profitable for us, at all times and in all places, to give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord; who ascending over all the heavens and sitting at thy right hand, did ac-

ording to his word, send down the Holy Ghost upon the children of his adoption. Wherefore all peoples upon this earth rejoice with exceeding great joy; the heavenly Virtues and angelic Powers likewise sing a hymn to thy glory, unceasingly repeating: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

DURING THE CANON OF THE MASS

MOST adorable Trinity; we venture with all humility and awe to approach the lofty throne of thine exalted Majesty; with our heads prostrate in the dust, we adore thee and give thee thanks for the endless blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us, miserable men. We thank thee, O eternal Father, and thee, O divine Son, for the gift thou hast given us of the

Holy Ghost. We thank thee, O Holy Spirit, who art at once the Gift and the Giver of all gifts of grace. We earnestly beseech thee, to bestow upon us, during this holy sacrifice, a bountiful share of the graces which Jesus merited for us on Calvary's heights.

MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING

DEAREST Jesus, before thou didst go to offer this sacrifice, in a bloody manner, on Calvary, on the eve of thy bitter passion, thou didst promise us another Comforter. Now that an equally solemn moment has come, we beseech thee, by the merits of thy bitter passion and death, send the Divine Comforter into the souls of all those who are near and dear to us, our benefactors, friends and enemies, those who guide the destinies of Church and State; strengthen them in the fearless performance of their duty; comfort them in their trials and disappointments; direct all their

labors to thy greater honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father, in unity with the same Holy Ghost, through all eternity. Amen.

BEFORE THE ELEVATION

MOST Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, Father of the poor, Consoler of the afflicted, Light of minds and Sanctifier of souls, look upon us who lie prostrate in thy presence, adoring thee with the profoundest worship. A thousand times we bless thee, and with the Seraphim before thy throne we cry, Holy! Holy! Holy! We firmly believe, that thou art eternal God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son. Thy wisdom pierces every mystery. Thou comprehendest the grandeur of the act which is about to be accomplished on this altar. Prepare our dull intellects and our cold hearts to appreciate it. Before the altar, we conjure thee, to fill our souls with sentiments of faith,

adoration, gratitude and contrition. Show us Jesus as thou didst show him to the poor Shepherds on Christmas morning. Show us Jesus as thou didst show him to Mary Magdalene and to his Holy Mother Mary on Easter morning. O divine Spirit of grace and prayer, enable us to look on him whom we pierced by our sins, that we may detest sin above all things and suffer any loss rather than offend him grievously.

AT THE ELEVATION

Before bowing in adoration, look up at the elevated Host and Precious Blood and cry out:

MY Lord and my God! I believe. O Lord, help my unbelief. Strengthen through the Spirit of Understanding, my faith in thy real presence under the consecrated species.

AFTER THE ELEVATION

O ETERNAL Father, how shall we ever bless and praise thee sufficiently or thank thee for thy

goodness as we ought? A thousand times blessed be thine infinite charity, thine infinite providence and thine infinite mercy, which moved thee to repair our miseries. Thou hast given us thy Son, who proceedeth from thee! Thou hast given us the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth from thee and the Son. What more can we ask and what shall we give unto thee in return? O Lord, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, of thy clemency, to take for thine own, our understanding, our will, all that we are for time and for eternity. Amen.

MEMENTO FOR THE DEAD

MOST merciful Jesus, have pity on the poor souls of the faithful departed. Put an end to the sufferings of (*here mention the names of those for whom we wish to pray*). Grant to all those for whom we are especially bound to pray, above all, to all the devout clients

of the Holy Ghost and of Mary, his Immaculate Spouse, eternal light, rest and happiness. Amen.

AT THE NOBIS QUOQUE
PECCATORIBUS

AND to us sinners, thy servants, hoping in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles, Martyrs and all thy Saints. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us light and strength to avoid temptation, to atone for our transgressions and to follow in the footsteps of thy faithful servants who reign with thee in thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

AT THE PATER NOSTER

O HOLY SPIRIT, fill my soul with the spirit of piety and filial affection that with proper dispositions I may say that prayer which Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

AT THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, send down the Spirit of peace upon us.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

WORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; regard not my sins but the faith of thy Church; and vouchsafe to it according to thy will, peace and

unity: who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee who with the same God, the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord I am not worthy
That thou shouldst come to me,
But speak the words of comfort
My spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive thee,
The Bridegroom of my soul,
No more by sin to grieve thee
Or fly thy sweet control.

Mighty eternal Spirit
Unworthy though I be,
Prepare me to receive him,
Entrust the Word to me.

AFTER COMMUNION

O JESUS, though I am unable to fully comprehend the greatness of the benefits thou hast bestowed upon me in coming sacramentally (*spiritually*) into my soul, I thank thee as best I can; poor ungrateful creature that I am, I adore thee; I love thee with my whole heart and soul. Because I wish to love thee, not only in word but in very deed and truth, I beg thee, to send down the Holy Ghost upon me, to goad me on in thy service this day. The sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit which is in thy soul, is communicated to mine also with thy grace. Let it not be there in vain. I wish to be led by the Holy Spirit this day and every day of my life until I am safe in thy sweet embrace in heaven. Amen.

END OF MASS

O GOD, I am about to leave this holy place whither thy Holy Spirit led me. I am going to return to the world whose spirit is opposed to that of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Withdraw not thy Holy Spirit from me lest the spirit of darkness ensnare me in his evil devices.

O MOST Holy Spirit, give me not up to the world's malice and wickedness. Let thy love embrace me; lead me by the hand; suffer not my forehead, upon which the holy unction marked the sign of the cross, to bow low and be ashamed of the maxims of Jesus Christ: allow not the members of my body to be sullied by sin: may my will never resist thine, O blessed Spirit, but be ever pliant under the motion of thy saving grace. Thou alone canst accomplish in me those good desires with which thou hast inspired me. Do this by thy grace and then do with me what thou wilt. Amen.

Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost

At the foot of the altar

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God: to God who giveth joy to my youth.

PSALM 42

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy; deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

For thou art God, my strength; why hast thou cast me off? And why go I sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

Send forth thy light and thy truth; they have conducted me and brought me unto thy holy hill, and into thy tabernacles.

And I will go unto the altar of God; to God who giveth joy to my youth.

To thee, O God, my God, I will give praise upon the harp; why art thou sad, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope in God for I will still give praise to him; the salvation of my countenance and my God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will go to the altar of God; to God who giveth joy to my youth.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

The Priest bowing says

I CONFESS to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful

Lord grant us pardon, absolution
and remission of all our sins. Amen.

Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to
life

And thy people will rejoice in thee.

Show us, O Lord thy mercy.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY

*Going up to the altar the Priest
says silently*

TAKE away from us our iniqui-
ties, we beseech thee, O Lord;
that being made pure in heart, we
may be worthy to enter into the
holy of holies. Through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Kissing the altar the Priest says silently

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the
merits of thy Saints whose
relics are here, and of all the
Saints, that thou wouldst vouch-
safe to pardon me all my sins.
Amen.

INTROIT

Read from the Missal

THE Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Let God arise and his enemies be scattered: and let them that hate him fly before his face. Glory be to the Father, etc.

KYRIE

Said at the center of the altar

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

N. B. There is no "Gloria in Excelsis" at an ordinary votive Mass of the Holy Ghost.

The Priest turns to the people saying

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

Read from Mass book

LET US PRAY

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost: grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be truly wise, relish what is right and ever rejoice in his holy consolations. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (VIII. 14-17)

IN those days when the Apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the

Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL

BLESSED is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established: and all the power of them by the spirit of his mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Here all kneel*). Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia.

*The Priest bowing at the middle of
the altar says silently*

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse with a burning coal the lips of the prophet Isaias; and vouchsafe in thy loving kindness so to purify me that I may be enabled worthily to announce thy holy Gospel. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless me.

The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that worthily and in a seemly manner, I may announce his Gospel. Amen.

GOSPEL

℣ The Lord be with you

℟ And with thy spirit.

*Here the Priest signs the book
and himself saying*

The continuation of the Gospel according to St. John (XIV. 23-31).

AT that time, Jesus said to his disciples: If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my words: and the word which you have heard, is not mine, but the Father's who sent me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you: But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace

I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father: for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes to pass: that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and in me he hath not anything. But that the world may know, that I love the Father: and as the Father hath given me commandment, so do I.

R Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Priest kisses the book saying

By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

N. B. The "Credo" is not recited at the ordinary votive Mass of the Holy Ghost. Turning to the people the Priest says

✠ The Lord be with you
 ✠ And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY

OFFERTORY

CONFIRM this, O God, which
 thou hast wrought in us: from
 thy temple which is in Jerusalem,
 kings shall offer presents to thee.

OFFERING OF THE HOST

RECEIVE, O holy Father, al-
 mighty and everlasting God,
 this spotless host, which I, thy un-
 worthy servant, offer unto thee,
 my living and true God, for my
 countless sins, trespasses and omis-
 sions; likewise for all here present,
 and for all faithful Christians,
 whether living or dead, that it may
 avail me and them, to salvation un-
 to life everlasting. Amen.

*The Priest pours wine and water
 into the chalice saying*

O GOD, who in creating man
 didst exalt his nature wonder-
 fully, and yet more wonderfully
 didst establish it anew; by the

mystery signified in the mingling of this water and wine, grant us to have part in the Godhead of him who hath vouchsafed to share our manhood, Jesus Christ, thy son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

OFFERING OF THE CHALICE

WE offer up to thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thee, that of thy mercy, our sacrifice may ascend with an odor of sweetness in the sight of thy divine Majesty, to avail for our own and for the whole world's salvation. Amen.

Bowing over the altar the Priest says

Humbled in mind and contrite of heart, may we find favor with thee, O Lord; and may the sacrifice we this day offer up, be well pleasing to thee, who art our Lord and our God.

*The Priest raises his eyes and invokes
the Holy Ghost thus*

Come thou the Sanctifier, al-

mighty eternal God, bless this sacrifice set forth to the glory of thy holy name.

The Priest then washes his fingers at the epistle side saying

PSALM 25

I will wash my hands among the innocent; and will compass thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise; and tell of all thy marvelous works.

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house; and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked; nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is filled with gifts.

But as for me, I have walked in my innocence; redeem me and have mercy on me.

My foot hath stood in the direct way; in the churches I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Bowing over the middle of the altar
the Priest says*

RECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, this oblation offered up by us to thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, of thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all thy Saints, that it be to them for an increase of honor and to us of salvation; and may they whose memory we celebrate on earth vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turning to the people the Priest says

Pray, Brethren, that this sacrifice, which is both mine and yours, may be well pleasing to God, the Father Almighty.

The server answers

May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our good like-

wise, and to that of all his holy Church.

*Facing the altar the Priest prays
in secret.*

SECRET

SANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer: and purify our hearts by shedding upon them the light of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost

PREFACE

World without end. Amen.

℣ The Lord be with you

℞ And with thy spirit.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℞ We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞ It is meet and just.

IT is truly meet and just, right and profitable, for us, at all

times and in all places, to give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Through Christ our Lord; who ascending over all the heavens and sitting at thy right hand, didst according to his word, send down the Holy Ghost upon the children of his adoption. Wherefore, all peoples upon this earth rejoice with exceeding great joy; the heavenly Virtues and the angelic Powers likewise sing a hymn to thy glory, unceasingly repeating: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of host. The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

THEREFORE, we very humbly beg and beseech thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, to receive and bless these gifts, these oblations, these holy and spotless sacrifices, which, in the first place,

we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church; do thou vouchsafe to pacify, guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world; together with thy servant (*Name*)—our Pope, (*Name*)—our Bishop, as well as all orthodox believers and those who profess the Catholic and apostolic faith.

MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING

BE mindful, O Lord, of thy servants and of thy handmaids (*the Priest pauses here for a moment to recall those whom he wishes to remember in prayer*) and all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to thee; for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and safety, and who pay their vows unto thee, the eternal God, living and true.

WITHIN THE CANON

IN communion with and honoring the memory, especially of the glorious ever virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Lord Jesus Christ; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that in all things we may be made secure by the aid of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*Extending his hands over the oblation,
the Priest says*

THIS oblation, therefore, of our service, and that of thy whole family, we beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept, and to dispose our days in thy peace, and to command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered

in the flock of thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do thou, O God, we beseech thee, vouchsafe to make in all things blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable and acceptable; that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up toward heaven, unto thee, O God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to thee did bless, break and give unto his disciples saying: Take ye all and eat of this: **FOR THIS IS MY BODY.**

In like manner, after they had supped, taking also into his holy and venerable hands this goodly chalice, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take ye all and drink of it: **FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TES-**

TAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS. As often as you do these things, you shall do them in memory of me.

Wherefore, O Lord, bearing in mind the blessed Passion of the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, together with his resurrection from the grave, and also his glorious ascension into heaven, we, thy servants, and likewise thy holy people, offer up to thine excellent Majesty from among the things thou hast given to us and bestowed upon us, a Victim which is pure, a Victim which is holy, a Victim which is stainless, the holy Bread of life everlasting and the Cup of eternal salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon it with a gracious and tranquil countenance, and to accept it, even as thou wast pleased to accept the offerings of righteous Abel, thy servant, the

sacrifice of Abraham our Patriarch, and that which Melchisedech, thy high priest, offered up to thee, a holy sacrifice, a victim without blemish.

The Priest bowing down over the altar says

HUMBLY we beseech thee, almighty God, to command that by the hands of thy holy Angel, this our sacrifice be uplifted to thine altar on high, into the very presence of thy divine Majesty, and to grant that as many of us as, by partaking thereof from this altar, shall have received the adorable Body and Blood of thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE
DEPARTED

BE mindful also, O Lord, of thy servants and of thine handmaids N. N. who have gone before us with the sign of faith and who

sleep the sleep of peace (*pause here to recall the departed to be prayed for*). To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, of light and of peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To us also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all thy Saints: into whose company, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merits, but freely pardoning us our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Through whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, vivify, bless and bestow upon us all these good things. Through him and with him and in him is unto thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity

of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

LET US PRAY

ADMONISHED by wholesome precepts, and taught by God himself, we presume to pray:— Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with thy blessed Apostles, Peter, Paul and Andrew, and all thy Saints, graciously give peace in our days; that aided by the help of thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and secure from all

disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost. World without end. Amen.

✠ The peace of the Lord be ever with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Whilst saying the above verse the Priest breaks the Sacred Host, and dropping a small particle into the chalice says

May this commingling and consecrating of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, be to us who shall receive it, unto life everlasting. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

The Priest strikes his breast and says

✠ LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Priest recites the following three prayers as immediate preparation for holy Communion

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not upon my sins but upon the faith of thy Church, and vouchsafe to give it that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will: who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world, deliver me, by this thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments and suffer me never to be separated from thee. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

LET not the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume

to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but by thy mercy, let it be profitable to the protection and health, both of my soul and my body, and be to me salvation: who with God the Father, in unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

I will take the bread of heaven and will call upon the name of the Lord.

The Priest strikes his breast and says

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: but say only the word, and my soul shall be healed.

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*About to receive the Sacred Host
the Priest says*

MAY the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

*Whilst preparing the chalice
the Priest says*

WHAT shall I render to the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising will I call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from my enemies.

*When about to receive the Precious Blood
the Priest says*

MAY the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

*When rinsing the chalice with wine
the Priest says*

WHAT we have taken with our mouth, O Lord, may we receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become for us an everlasting remedy.

*When washing his fingers over the chalice
the Priest says*

MAY thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my inmost parts: and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom the pure and holy mysteries have refreshed: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

COMMUNION

*Said on epistle side of altar after chalice
is covered*

There came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God.

✠ The Lord be with you
✠ And with thy spirit.

POST-COMMUNION

LET US PRAY

MAY the inpouring of the Holy Ghost cleanse our hearts, O Lord, as dew sprinkled over our

innermost being. May his presence render us fruitful in good works. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

At the center of the altar the Priest turns and says

∿ The Lord be with you

℞ And with thy spirit.

∿ Let us bless the Lord.

℞ Thanks be to God.

Bowing over the altar the Priest says

QUAY the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O Holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto thee, and may, through thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May you be blessed by almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LAST GOSPEL

℣ The Lord be with you

℞ And with thy spirit.

℣ The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testi-

mony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,** and dwelt among us, (and we saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. **R** Thanks be to God.





Devotion to the Holy Ghost and the Sacraments

Baptism

A CAREFUL study of the sacraments as they are unfolded to us in Holy Scripture, in Sacred Tradition and in the prayers and ceremonies of the Church, reveals a beautiful phase of the operation of the Holy Ghost within the Christian soul. In the first instruction Jesus gave on the necessity of Baptism, he pointed out the secret of the omnipotent power of the sacrament of Baptism when he said: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Man's soul cannot be cleansed by the natural power of water itself. Hence St. Cyril, commenting on the words of our Saviour just quoted,

says: "By the operation of the Holy Ghost the waters are endowed with divine power by which they cleanse the child of wrath." Before we acquired even a semblance of right to God's friendship, the Holy Ghost made us, by Baptism, the children of God and heirs to the infinite riches of heaven.

We honor her who gave us birth in the flesh; her title of **MOTHER** means the world to us, and so it should. But, do we ever think of honoring the Holy Spirit, through whom we were born again unto the eternal life of heaven? Each time we regain or strengthen sanctifying grace in our souls by the reception of any one of the sacraments, we should breath a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Ghost, for the grace of Baptism, which opened to us the treasure of the Church, and renew our baptismal vows.

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF
BAPTISMAL VOWS

O GOD, the Holy Ghost, who didst descend upon me on the

day of my baptism, perfect in me the work thou didst then begin. My mother conceived me in sin; I was born a child of wrath, but thou didst restore to me the life of grace; thou didst make me a brother of Christ and an heir to the glory of heaven. Alas, I have often proven myself unworthy of these noble prerogatives. O Spirit of mercy, forgive my past delinquencies. I desire to serve thee for the rest of my life as thou deservest. Therefore, I come to renew the promises which were made for me when I was baptized.

I renounce, with all my heart, Satan, his pomps and works; the world and all its vanities; sin and all the desires of the flesh. I wish to adore thee, to love thee and to serve thee. O Holy Spirit, principle of all good, be thou the author of all my thoughts, of all my desires, of all my actions, so that henceforth there may be nothing in me unworthy of a child of God, a brother of Jesus Christ, and a

member of the Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

Confirmation

WHEN the Apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts VIII. 14-17). The rite which the Apostles conferred upon the Samaritans that day, the Bishop confers on us when he confirms us. Confirmation is a sacrament by which the faithful, who have already been made children of God by Baptism, receive the Holy Ghost to make them strong and perfect Christians and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ. We are all bound to fight against sin and

Satan; therefore we should receive this sacrament and thereby put on the armor of grace. If we have already received this sacrament, we should pray occasionally for a renewal of the grace thereof; for that purpose the following prayer is suggested:

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF
THE GRACE OF THE SACRAMENT
OF CONFIRMATION

MY Lord and my God, I have received through thy mercy, the holy sacrament of Confirmation. Preserve, I beseech thee, in my soul, and renew therein continually, the powerful effects of this sacred ordinance that I may be enabled thereby, to perform all the obligations of a perfect Christian. I have been enlisted in thy heavenly army and have received the character of a soldier of Jesus Christ. Grant that, always and everywhere, I may prove myself the faithful servant of him, in whom dwelleth the fullness of the Spirit;

and shedding forth the odor of a holy life, may edify my neighbor by my good example. Grant, I most humbly beseech thee, that neither the world nor the customs of the world, may infect my soul with their pernicious example. May its vain flatteries and allurements never succeed in deceiving me. Let not the spirit of the times, but the Spirit of God, inspire my every thought, word and deed. Preserve and increase in my soul, the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest ways of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my crosses with thee and struggle against all obstacles to my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know thee and know myself; the Spirit of Piety, that filled with a tender

and filial confidence in thee, I may joyfully embrace all that pertains to thy service; the Spirit of holy Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards thee, a reverence that will effectively keep me from sin and lead me to the joys of life everlasting. Amen.



Penance

WE need but read the account given in the Bible of the institution of the power to forgive sin, to realize that devotion to the Holy Ghost should have its place in our preparation for the reception of this sacrament. By the Holy Ghost is this power in the Church, a power which the Jews called, divine. When Jesus was about to give his Apostles the power to forgive sin, Holy Scripture tells us: "He breathed on them, and he said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

DEVOTIONS FOR CONFESSION

Before Confession

ONLY thine own words, dearest Saviour; "I came not to call the just, but sinners to penance," make me bold enough to dare to expect pardon from thee. How many times thou hast pardoned me,

and how many times I have begun again to offend thee! But thou didst not drive away Magdalen; to Matthew thou didst give a special invitation to repentance; thou didst condescend to go into the house of Zaccheus, there to receive his promises and confirm his good resolution; the publicans found thine arms wide open to receive them into thy friendship again when they repented of their sins. It is unknown that a sinner was ever repulsed by thee; a humble and contrite heart thou wilt not despise. Animated with the confidence which this inspires, I beg thee, to send down upon me the Comforter from above, the Spirit of Light and Love, to enlighten the dark labyrinths of my soul, to enkindle there, once again, the fire of love, to lead me, humble and contrite sinner, to the sacred tribunal of penance.

O HOLY Ghost, uncreated Love of the ever Blessed Trinity, living Fire come down from heaven, purify my soul in the fire of thy

love, and burn up all the dross in it. Pierce my soul with a salutary fear of God, not with the fear of the slave but with the fear of a loving child for the best of Fathers. Give me a profound sense of my own wretchedness and thine infinite Majesty.

O HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light, dispel the darkness which conceals from me the filth and malice of my sins. Grant me a lively sense of their enormity, that I may hold them in the utmost detestation, and dread nothing so much as to commit them hereafter.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Close your prayer book and examine your conscience as you honestly think God would examine it, if you were this moment standing before his judgment seat; then open your book and read through the following list. It may recall sins you have forgotten. If you find you have committed any of them, ask yourself how often you have committed them since your last confession and whether you have committed

them under circumstances that would increase your guilt, e.g., before children etc., and then confess them as you know them before God.

FIRST COMMANDMENT

I am the Lord thy God, etc.

Have you detracted from the honor due to God by—neglect of prayer, at morning, at night, at meals, by superstitious practices, by going to fortune tellers, believing in dreams, by using blessed objects disrespectfully, by being disrespectful in church, by making bad confessions or communions, by concealing serious sins in confession?

Have you doubted articles of faith, read books dangerous to faith, gone to non-Catholic churches, neglected means of religious instruction?

Have you despaired of God's mercy, murmured against God or your crosses, rashly presumed on God's mercy by going on sinning?

SECOND COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Have you used God's name irreverently, sworn, cursed, taken a false or unnecessary oath, joined a forbidden society, broken a vow?

THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.

Have you missed Mass on Sunday or a holyday? Why? Were you late for Mass? Why? How late? Have you done servile work on those days? How long? Why? Did you oblige others to do so?

FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor thy father and thy mother.

If a child—have you disobeyed, grieved, dishonored your parents? Have you struck them, caused them to swear, wasted their property by your neglect, refused them your aid?

If a parent—have you neglected to instruct your children in their religion? Have you neglected to correct them, or done so in fits of rage with cursing? Have you watched over their reading, their games, their companions? Do you make them pray?

If husband or wife—do you neglect your duties to each other?

If employer—do you give your employees proper pay? Do you overwork them? Do you treat them kindly and give them a proper amount of time for themselves?

If employee—do you render loyal service to your employer or shirk duty? Do you betray his confidence by revealing

his business matters, his secrets, or by lying about him?

FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not kill.

Have you been guilty of anger or violent passion? Have you desired anyone's death? Have you revenged yourself or desired revenge? Have you quarreled or provoked others to it? Have you done anything rash that would injure your health or that of others? Have you injured others spiritually by bad example or by leading them into sin?

SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Have you been guilty of any immodesty or impurity in any way, alone or with others?

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not steal.

Have you been guilty of stealing, cheating, damaging the property of others and to what extent? Do you possess stolen goods or have you bought goods which were probably stolen? Have you cheated in any way? Have you delayed making efforts to pay your bills? Have you neglected to do the work you are paid for, or charged for time you wasted? In all these sins you must make restitution.

EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbor.*

Have you been guilty of lying, perjury, fraud in elections or examinations, etc.? Have you lied about another's character or even spoken of his true faults? Have you restored the good name of those whom you injured in character? Are you guilty of rash judgments, suspicious of others? Have you been guilty of hypocrisy?

NINTH COMMANDMENT

This commandment forbids even all thoughts or desires against holy purity.

TENTH COMMANDMENT

This commandment is violated when we wrongly desire to get possession of our neighbor's goods, or foster class hatred because of this.

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

First Precept included under the third commandment of God.

Second Precept—Have you neglected to fast or abstain without sufficient reason on days commanded to be observed by the Church?

Third and Fourth Precept—Have you omitted to go to confession at least once a year? Have you failed to go to holy communion during the Easter season?

Fifth Precept—Have you neglected to contribute to the support of your Church and your Pastor?

Sixth Precept—Have you attempted to get married against the laws of the Church before a magistrate or minister, or to one related by blood, or without revealing to the priest what you suspect to be an impediment?

THE CAPITAL OR DEADLY SINS

Pride—Have you been guilty of pride or contempt of others?

Covetousness—Have you craved after money or worldly possessions? Have you been miserly and hard towards others in money matters? Have you failed in the opposite manner by squandering your money?

Lust—These sins come under the sixth and the ninth commandments.

Anger—See the fifth Commandment.

Gluttony—Have you eaten or drunk to excess or led others to do so?

Envy—Have you envied another or felt satisfied when sorrow or misfortune came to him? Have you been jealous?

Sloth—Have you been guilty of laziness, neglect of duty, waste of time?

DUTIES OF OUR STATE

Have you neglected your duties as physician, nurse, lawyer, teacher, religious, employer, employee, father, mother, guardian, official of town or state?

Have you been a party to another's sin by counsel, command, consent, concealment, provocation, or by partaking of stolen goods?

ACT OF CONTRITION

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

(Enter the confessional determined, with God's help, to make a complete, frank, humble, and contrite acknowledgment of your sins. Perform your penance as soon as possible.)

After Confession

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed to receive again thy prodigal child, after so many times going astray from thee, and to admit me to this sacrament of reconciliation, I give thee thanks with all the powers of my soul for this and all other mercies, graces and blessings bestowed on me, a most unworthy sinner. Prostrating myself at thy sacred feet, I offer myself now to be henceforth forever thine. O, let nothing in life or in death ever separate me from thee! I once more renounce, with my whole soul, all my treasons against thee, and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in baptism, and from this moment I wish to be ever loyal and true to thee. Come, O Holy Ghost, confirm and complete within me the work commenced by thee at my baptism.

Help me, O Holy Spirit, to be ever ready to appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. I am weak and unstable, but I long to become strong and resolute in good. Through my own faithlessness I have often been overcome by temptation. Without thee I can do nothing but with thy help I can keep from sin and grow in grace. Thou art my strength against the tempter. O, Ever-living Spirit, dear and loving to me, make me ever more thine own, that I may walk in thy light and inherit thy promises. Keep before my eyes the judgment to which I must come. Enlighten my path through life, that I may safely reach the city of eternal bliss, whither Christ has gone to prepare a place for those who serve him to the end. Amen.



Holy Eucharist

IN the ages when the Christian altar had no tabernacle, the Blessed Sacrament was kept in a silver or golden dove. Why, you may ask, did the Church use a dove-shaped receptacle for the Holy Eucharist? The answer is evident. From the beginning she must have associated devotion to the Holy Ghost, who is represented by the dove, with devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The dove within which our Eucharistic Saviour was concealed reminded the faithful that, through the Holy Ghost, Jesus became Incarnate and through him he is with us in the Blessed Sacrament. He who gave us our Incarnate Saviour, he who prepared Mary to receive that Saviour into her chaste womb, will assist us to receive our Divine Master worthily if we seek his aid in prayer.

Sacred Scripture tells us of the holy old man Simeon, that "he came by the Spirit into the temple.

And when his parents brought in the child Jesus—he also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace because my eyes have seen thy salvation.” (Luke II. 27-30). If, led by the Spirit of God, we go in the early hours of the morning to the Church, Jesus will be even more propitious to us than he was to that holy old man who spent his whole life in God’s service. He will come, not only into our arms, but body and blood, soul and divinity, he will come into our poor sinful souls, to fill them with that supernatural peace which comes from the realization that God is with us no matter who or what is against us.

DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation

O GOD of infinite goodness, receive, I beseech thee, my most hearty thanks for all the favors

which thou hast bestowed on me from my birth, particularly because thou hast been pleased to call me to thy banquet table to make the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of thine own Son the substantial food of my soul. How can I prepare myself worthily for so great a grace? Thou didst prepare the soul of Mary for the first visit of the Incarnate Word by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. I venture to implore thee to pour forth the same Divine Spirit into my soul, to infuse into it the dispositions necessary to make it a worthy habitation of my Lord, Jesus Christ. Alas! my God, I am far from possessing those sentiments of faith, love, humility, and fervor which ought now to animate my soul; but all things are possible to thee, and thou hast promised to give to them that ask.

ACT OF FAITH

OF a truth I firmly believe, O good Jesus, and with lively faith confess that thou thyself, equal to God the Father in glory and in power, true God and man, art verily and indeed present in this sacrament; for thou the eternal Truth hast said: THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD. I believe, dearest Jesus, help my unbelief; increase my faith in this great mystery of faith.

ACT OF HOPE

WORD, I am weak and sick but thou art my strength and my health. Those that are well need not a physician but those that are ill: therefore, I come to thee, the physician of my soul. Come into my soul and heal the wounds which sin and Satan have inflicted upon it. Be to me a bulwark of defense in the battle of life and a pledge of eternal salvation hereafter. In thee, sweet Jesus, I have hoped; let me never be confounded.

ACT OF LOVE

O JESUS, how great was that love which drew thee down into this vale of tears to live, suffer and die a most shameful death for me, wretched sinner that I am! O Love unfathomable, that thou shouldst have performed the most stupendous miracles, to be able to be here this day, Body and Blood, under the appearance of a particle of bread, to become the food of my sinful soul! O Jesus, how thou dost love me! Help me to love thee in return. Come into my soul and enkindle there such a raging fire of love for thee that it will consume the dross of self-love. Come, O Jesus, my love and my all!

ACT OF HUMILITY

WHO am I that I should dare to approach thee, O Jesus? Wretchedness, meanness, pettiness, selfishness, vitiate even my best acts in thy service. All that I am, all that I have, comes from thee. Add this one mercy and deign to

come into my poor soul. My own helplessness gives me confidence in thee. A humble and a contrite heart thou wilt not despise.

INTENTION

DEAR Saviour, I wish to receive thee in remembrance of thy most bitter passion and death; to thank thee for all the favors bestowed upon our holy Mother the Church and upon this nation whose protection I enjoy; to obtain the virtues and graces I need most in my state of life; to pray for the Holy Father, the Bishops and Priests of the church, and for our civil rulers, to pray for my relatives, benefactors, friends and enemies, for the conversion of sinners and for all the faithful departed. In a special manner I intend to offer this holy communion for N....

Thanksgiving

O JESUS, conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, I adore thee. I believe that

thou art as truly present in this sacrament which I have just received, as thou wast present in the womb of Mary, thine own dear Mother. I beg her and the Angels and Saints to help me to thank thee worthily for thy goodness in coming to me, a sinful creature. Not because I merited this great favor did I dare to approach the altar, but because thou didst give a special invitation to repentant sinners. Dearest Jesus, be to me personally a Jesus, a merciful Saviour. In thee have I hoped; let me not be confounded.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art full of pity for all men, nor hatest aught of that which thou hast made, have mercy on me a poor creature into whose heart thou hast deigned to descend. Be not angry with me, nor shut up against me thy measureless mercy. Trusting not to any good works of my own, but remembering thy loving kindness, I prostrate myself in humble prayer before thee. Blot out my in-