The priest then dips his thumb in the Sacred Chrism and anoints the child on the crown of the head in the form of a cross, saying:

Deus omnipotens, Pater Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui te regenerátivit ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedit tibi remissiónem ómnium peccatórum, ipse te liniat * Chrísmate salúti in eódem Christo Jesu Dómino nostro in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

The almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave you rebirth by water and the Holy Ghost, and pardoned you all your sins, himself anoints you with the Chrism of salvation in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, unto everlasting life. Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.
Sponsors: And with your spirit.

After purifying his thumb with cotton or similar material, the priest imposes a white garment on the child, saying:

Receive this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that, when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have life everlasting. Amen.

He then gives the godfather a lighted candle, saying:

Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the heavenly wedding feast, you will be able to meet him with all the saints in the halls of heaven, and live forever and ever. Amen.

Finally, he says:

N., go in peace, and the Lord be with you. Amen.

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**Participation Guide**

When only English is provided, the priest will pray in English.
When both Latin and English are provided, the priest will pray in Latin.
In the Entrance of the Church
The priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, interrogates the child, and the sponsors reply:

Priest: N., what do you ask of the Church of God?
Sponsors: The faith.

Priest: What does the faith offer you?
Sponsors: Eternal life.

Priest: If, then, you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments: you shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

The priest then breathes lightly three times on the face of the child and says:

Exi ab eo (ea), immunde spíritus, et da locum Spiritui Sancto Paráclito.

The priest then makes the sign of the cross with his thumb upon the forehead and upon the breast of the child, while saying:

Receive the mark of the cross on your forehead and within your heart. Embrace the faith with its divine teachings. So live that you will indeed be a temple of God.

Let us pray. We beg you, Lord God, graciously hear our prayers. Guard your chosen one, N., with the never-failing power of the cross of Christ, with which he (she) has been marked. Protect him (her) so that, remaining true to the first lessons he (she) has learned about the great glory you will confer upon him (her), he (she) may, by keeping your commandments, attain to the glory of a new birth. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the priest lays his hand on the head of the child. Afterwards, he says:

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon this your servant, N., whom you have called to take his (her) first steps in the faith. Take from him (her) all blindness of heart. Free him (her) from the snares of Satan

The priest now dips his thumb into the Oil of Catechumens and anoints the child on the breast and between the shoulders, in the form of a cross, saying:

Ego te linio * óleo salútis in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro, ut hábeas vitam àetérnam. Amen.

I anoint thee with the oil of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have everlasting life. Amen.

He then purifies his finger with cotton or a similar material.

In the Baptistry
The priest changes his stole from violet to white as he enters into the baptistry, with the godfather bearing the child. He interrogates the child by name and the godfather answers:

Priest: N., do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Godfather: I do believe.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world and who suffered?

Godfather: I do believe.

Priest: Do you believe also in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Godfather: I do believe.

Priest: N., do you wish to be baptized?

Godfather: I do.

Then the godfather, the godmother, or both hold the child over the font while the priest pours the water three times, saying distinctly and attentively:

N., Ego te baptízo, in nómine Pa*tris, et Fi*lii, et Spíritus *Sancti. N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Then, with his back toward the baptismal font, the priest says:

Exorcízo te, omnis spiritus immúnd
et in nómine Jesu * Christi Filii ej-
us, Dómini et Júdicis nostri, et in
virtúte Spíritus * Sancti, ut discédas
ab hoc plásmate Dei N., quod Dó-
minus noster ad templum sanctum
suum vocáre dignátus est, ut fiat
templum Dei vivi, et Spíritus Sancti
hábitet in eo. Per eúndem Christum
Dóminum nostrum, qui ventúrus
est júdicare vivos et mórtuos, et sæ-
culum per ignem. Amen.

Then the priest, moistening his thumb with saliva from his mouth, touches first the right and then the left ear of the child in the form of the cross, saying:

Éphpheta, quod est, Adaperíre.  
Ephpheta, which means, Be opened.

Then he touches the child's nostrils, saying:

In odórem suavitátis. Tu autem
effugáre, diábole; appropinquábit
enim judícium Dei.

In the odor of sweetness. But thou, O devil, begone; for the judgment of God is nigh.

The priest then interrogates the child by name. The godfather answers:

Priest: N., do you renounce Satan?  
Godfather: I do renounce him.
Priest: And all his works?  
Godfather: I do renounce them.
Priest: And all his allurements?  
Godfather: I do renounce them.

which until now have held him (her). Open to him (her), Lord, the gate of your mercy. Then, seasoned by the salt which is symbolic of your wisdom, may he (she) be relieved of the corruption of evil desires; and, finding pleasure in the keeping of your commandments, may he (she) serve you in your Church and make progress from day to day in the way of perfection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the priest blesses and exorcises the salt.

Exorcízo te, creatúra salis, in nó-
mine Dei * Patris omnipoténtis, et
in charitáte Dómini nostri Jesu * 
Christi, et in virtúte Spíritus * 
Sancti. Exorcízo te per Deum * vi-
rum, per Deum * verum, per De-
um sanctum, per Deum * qui te
ad tutélam humáni géneris procre-
ávit, et pópulo veniénti ad creduli-
tátum ad effugándum inimícum. Pro-
ünde rogámus te, Dóminus Deus
noster, ut hanc creatúram salis san-
tificándo sanctí*fices, et benedicén-
do bene*licas, ut fiat omnibus ac-
cipiéntibus perfécta medicína, pér-
manens in viscéribus eorum, in nó-
mine ejúsdem Dómini nostri Jesu
Christi, qui ventúrus est judícare
vivos et mórtuos, et sæculum per
ignem. Amen.

I exorcise thee, O creature salt, in the name of God the Father almighty, and in the charity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the might of the Holy Ghost. I exorcise thee by the living God, the true God, by the God who created thee for the protection of the human race, and commanded thee to be consecrated by his servants for people coming to belief, that in the name of the Holy Trinity thou mayest become a saving sacrament for the putting to flight of the enemy. Wherefore, we beg thee, O Lord our God, that thou in- deed mayest sanctify and bless this creature salt, so that it may be to all who receive it a perfect medicine, remaining in their inmost parts: in the name of our same Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.
The priest then places a small amount of salt on the tongue of the child, saying:

Priest: *N.*, receive the salt, which is a symbol of wisdom. May it bring you God’s favor for life everlasting.

Sponsors: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

Sponsors: And with your spirit.

Let us pray. God of our fathers, God, the author of all truth, we humbly ask you to look with favor on this your servant, *N.*, who has had his (her) first taste of blessed food in the form of salt. Satisfy him (her) with the bread of heaven, so that he (she) may be forever fervent in spirit, joyful in hope, and zealous in your service. We ask you, Lord, to lead him (her) to the waters in which he (she) will be born again, so that he (she), with all who believe in you, may obtain the unending rewards which you have promised. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The priest then says the following exorcism over the child:


I exorcise thee, O unclean spirit, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, that thou mayest leave and stay away from this servant of God *N*.: He himself commands you, O accursed and damned spirit, he who walked on the sea and stretched out his hand to sinking Peter. Therefore, O wicked devil, recognize your fate, and give honor to the living and true God, to Jesus Christ his Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and stay away from this servant of God *N*., for our God and Lord Jesus Christ has deigned to call him (her) to himself, to his holy grace, to his blessing, and to the baptismal font.

He makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child, saying:

Et hoc signum sanctæ Cruc*is*, quod nos in fronti ejus damus, tu, maledícte diábóle, numquam àudeas violáre. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

And thou, O accursed devil, never dare to violate this sign of the holy Cross, which we trace on his (her) forehead. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the priest lays his hand on the head of the child. Afterwards, he says:

Let us pray. Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, source of all light and truth, I humbly beg your never-ending and most holy mercy upon this servant of yours, *N*. May it please you to grant him (her) the light of your own wisdom. Cleanse him (her) and make him (her) holy. Give him (her) true knowledge, so that he (she) may be made worthy of the grace of your baptism and may maintain firm hope, sound judgment, and a grasp of holy doctrine. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**In the Church**

The priest places the end of the left side of his stole on the child and leads him or her into the church, saying:

Priest: *N.*, enter into the temple of God, so that you may have part with Christ in everlasting life.

Sponsors: Amen.

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, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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.