Dómine, lábia mea apéries, \* et os meum annuntiábit laudem tuam.

Neque enum sacrifício delectáris, \* et holocáustum, si darem, non acceptáres.

Sacrifícium meum, Deus, spíritus contrítus: \* cor contrítum et humiliátum, Deus, non despícies.

Benígne fac, Dómine, pro bonitáte tua, erga Sion, \* ut reædífices muros Jerúsalem.

Tunc acceptábis sacrifícia legítima, † oblatiónes et holocáusta, \* tunc ófferent super altáre tuum vítulos.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, \* et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, \* et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: \* and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: \* with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: \* a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; \* that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, † oblations and whole burnt offerings: \* then shall they lay calves upon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy

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

The priest stands, removes his biretta, and says:

## **PRAYERS**

Pater noster (secreto usque ad)

**V**. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

**R**. Sed líbera nos a malo.

V. Salvum (-am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam), Dómine.

 $\mathbf{R}$ . Deus meus, sperántem in te.

Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (ea).

**R**. Et fílius iniquitátis non appónat nocére ei.

V. Esto ei, Dómine, turris fortitúdinis.

 $\mathbf{R}$ . A fácie inimíci.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

**R**. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

✗ Dóminus vobíscum.

 $\mathbf{R}$ . Et cum spíritu tuo.

V. Orémus.

Deus, cui próprium est miseréri semper et párcere: súscipe deprecatiónem nostram, ut hunc fámulum tuum, quem (hanc fámulam tuam, quam) excommunicatiónis caténa constríngit, miserátio tuæ pietátis cleménter absólvat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

**R**. Amen.

W. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. W. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Our Father (inaudibly until)

¥. And lead us not into temptation.

**R**. But deliver us from evil.

¥. Preserve Thy servant (handmaid), ○ Lord.

**R**. Who trusts in Thee, my God.

 $\mathbf{R}$ . Nor the son of iniquity draw night o hurt him (her).

¥. Be to him (her), O Lord, a tower of strength.

**R**. From the face of the enemy.

¥. O, Lord, hear my prayer.

**R**. And let my cry come unto Thee.

? The Lord be with you.

**R**. And with thy spirit.

**℣**. Let us pray.

O God, Whose nature it is ever to show mercy and to spare, receive our petition, that this Thy servant (handmaid), bound by the fetters of excommunication may by Thy sweet forgiveness be pardoned. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.







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## THE RECEPTION OF A CHILD CONVERT

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The formula for Reception of a Child Convert is the same as for an Adult, with the omission of the Convert's Abjuration during the Profession of Faith, the priest's Absolution from Censures, and depending on the age of the child, the Sacraments of Confession and Confirmation.

If the Sacrament of Baptism is to be conferred absolutely, the below Profession of Faith is not made. If the Sacrament of Baptism is to be conferred conditionally, the Profession of Faith is made, followed by conditional Baptism. If the convert has already been validly baptized, the Profession of Faith is made.

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Vested in surplice and violet stole, the priest puts on his biretta and sits before the Epistle side of the altar.

Each convert kneels before him and places his or her right hand on the Missal or Book of Gospels.

Each convert may read the below formula, or may repeat it after the priest.

Sponsors or parents may read it on behalf of a young child.

I, N.N., \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, was born outside the Catholic Church. Now, enlightened by divine grace, I kneel before you, Reverend Father \_\_\_\_\_, having before my eyes and touching with my hand the Holy Gospels; and with a firm faith I believe and profess each and all the articles contained in the Apostles' Creed, that is: 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 arose 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 communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

I admit and embrace most firmly the apostolic and ecclesiastical traditions and all the other constitutions and prescriptions of the Church.

I admit the Sacred Scriptures according to the sense which has been held and which is still held by Holy Mother Church, whose duty it is to judge the true sense and interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures, and I shall never accept or interpret them except according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I profess that the Sacraments of the New Law are, truly and precisely, seven in number, instituted for the salvation of mankind, though all are not necessary for each individual: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. I profess that all confer grace, and that of these Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders cannot be repeated without sacrilege.

I also accept and admit the ritual of the Catholic Church in the solemn administration of all the above mentioned Sacraments.

I accept and hold, in each and every part, all that has been defined and declared by the Sacred Council of Trent concerning original sin and justification. I profess that in the Mass is offered to God a true, real, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead; that in the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist there is really, truly, and substantially the Body and Blood together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that there takes place what the Church calls transubstantiation, that is, the change of all the substance of the bread into the Body, and of all the substance of wine into the Blood. I confess also that in receiving under either of these species, one receives Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

I firmly hold that Purgatory exists and that the souls detained there can be helped by the prayers of the faithful. Likewise I hold that the saints, who reign with Jesus Christ, should be venerated and invoked, that they offer prayers to God for us and that their relics are to be venerated.

I profess firmly that the images of Jesus Christ and of the Mother of God, ever Virgin, as well as of all the saints, should be given due honor and veneration. I also affirm that Jesus Christ left to the Church the faculty to grant Indulgences, and that their use is most salutary to the Christian people. I recognize the Holy, Roman, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the mother and teacher of all the Churches, and I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Besides I accept, without hesitation, and profess all that has been handed down, defined, and declared by the Sacred Canons and by the general Councils, especially by the Sacred Council of Trent and by the Vatican General Council, and in a special manner concerning the primacy and infallibility of the Roman Pontiff. At the same time I condemn and reprove all that the Church has condemned and reproved. This same Catholic Faith, outside of which nobody can be saved, which I now freely profess and to which I truly adhere, the same I promise and swear to maintain and profess, with the help of God, entire, inviolate, and with firm constancy until the last breath of life; and I shall strive, as far as possible, that this same Faith shall be held, taught, and publicly professed by all those who depend on me, and by those of whom I shall have charge.

So help me God and these holy Gospels.

The priest, remaining seated, says or chants the below Psalm.

PSALM 150

Miserére mei, Deus, \* secúndum misericórdiam tuam;

Secúndum multitúdinem miseratiónum tuárum \* dele iniquitátem meam.

Pénitus lava me a culpa mea, \* et a peccáto meo munda me.

Nam iniquitátem meam ego agnósco, \* et peccátum meum coram me est semper.

Tibi soli peccávi \* et, quod malum est coram te, feci,

Ut manifestéris justus in senténtia tua, \* rectus in judício tuo.

Ecce, in culpa natus sum, \* et in peccáto concépit me mater mea.

Ecce, sinceritáte cordis delectáris, \* et in præcórdiis sapiéntiam me doces.

Aspérge me hyssópo et mundábor; \* lava me et super nivem dealbábor.

Fac me audíre gáudium et lætítiam, \* exsúltent ossa quæ contrivísti.

Avérte fáciem tuam a peccátis meis, \* et omnes culpas meas dele.

Cor mundum crea mihi, Deus, \* et spíritum firmum rénova in me.

Ne projéceris me a fácie tua, \* et spíritum sanctum tuum ne abstúleris a me.

Redde mihi lætítiam salútis tuæ, \* et spíritu generóso confírma me.

Docébo iníquos vias tuas, \* et peccatóres ad te converténtur.

Líbera me a pœna sánguinis, † Deus, Deus salvátor meus: \* exsúltet lingua mea de justítia tua.

Have mercy on me, O God, \* according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies \* blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, \* and cleanse me rom my sin.

For I know my iniquity, \* and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, \* and have done evil before thee:

That thou mayst be justified in thy words, \* and mayst overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities; \* and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: \* the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: \* and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, \* and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: \* and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face; \* and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, \* and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: \* and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, † O God, thou God of my salvation: \* and my tongue shall extol thy justice.