

**HOLY MASS
&
ORDINATION
TO THE SACRED ORDER
OF DEACONS**

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*The following introduction is said by the **Commentator** before the start of the liturgy:*

Dear friends in Christ, we are gathered to partake in the Holy Eucharist and to witness the diaconal ordination of Brother **Yunis Martinus Zalukhu** and Brother **Richard Niyukuri**.

As we thank God for the gift of Holy Vocations to the Church, we also pray for the holiness and ministry of all the deacons in the Church.

Deacons are ordained to serve the community with love and justice. Raised to the order of deacons, they will assist the Bishop and his body of priests as minister of the Word and of the Altar. They will make themselves a servant to all. Since the Deacons' primary ministry is one of service, their actions within the Mass and in all other rites and celebrations of the Church are therefore modeled after the *diakonia* or service of Christ.

As deacons, “they will bring God's word to believers and unbelievers alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give Viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial. Once they are consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and are bound more closely to the altar, they will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or the pastor.”

Our ordaining prelate is **His Excellency Roberto C. Mallari, D.D., Bishop of Tarlac**. Let us all rise and sing the gathering hymn.



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

When everything is ready, the procession moves through the church to the altar in the usual way. The one to be ordained precedes the deacon who carries the Book of the Gospels, which is to be used during the Mass and the Ordination. They are followed by other Deacons, if present, by the concelebrating Priests, and, finally, by the Bishop, and slightly behind him, two Deacons who assist him. When they come to the altar they make the required reverence, and each one goes to his assigned place.

Meanwhile, the Entrance Antiphon with its psalms or another suitable liturgical song is sung.

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 12:26

**Whoever serves me must follow me,
And where I am, there also will my servant be (E.T. alleluia).**

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Bishop and the faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Bishop, facing the people, says:

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:

Amen.

Then the Bishop, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

Peace be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION

The Bishop, Priest or a deacon may introduce the celebration of the day:

Dear brothers and sisters,
with hearts full of gratitude and joy,
we gather around the table of the Lord's Word and Sacrament.

Relying on the abundance of his love and grace,
our brothers **Martin** and **Richard**
will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.
Through the laying on of hands
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit,
they will be consecrated
as God's servants and ministers of his Church.
Strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
they will help the Bishop and his priests
in the ministry of the word, of the altar and of charity.

As we join Jesus' offering of himself to the Father,
let us pray for our brothers Martin and Richard
and for all the ordained ministers of the Church.
May we remain obedient and faithful to God every moment of our lives.
And may we be a living sacrament of God's love to the world.

Penitential Act

Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the Bishop invites the faithful, saying:

**Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution of the Bishop follows:

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

The people reply:

Amen.

Kyrie

The Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the penitential Act.

V. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Then, this hymn is sung:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

When this hymn is concluded, the Bishop, with hands extended, says:

Let us pray.

**O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church
to seek not to be served
but to serve their brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that these your servants,
whom you graciously choose today for the office of Deacon,
may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

The people reply:

Amen.

All then sit and listen to the readings. The bishop wears the miter for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Then the reader goes to the ambo and reads the first reading, while all sit and listen.

FIRST READING

(JER. 1:4-9)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

“Ah, Lord GOD!” I said,
“I do not know how to speak. I am too young!”
But the LORD answered me,
Do not say, “I am too young.”
To whomever I send you, you shall go;
whatever I command you, you shall speak.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you—oracle of the LORD.

Then the LORD extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying to me,
See, I place my words in your mouth!

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The Word of the Lord.

The People reply:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(PSALM 130)

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

Arnel Aquino, SJ

Refrain:

The Lord is kind and merciful

Slow to anger and rich in compassion!

1. O bless the Lord my soul and praise God's name.
O bless the Lord forget not his goodness.
Our God forgives our sins and heals our pain.
He redeems us all from ruin and from shame! **(Refrain)**

2. Your righteousness brings
the oppressed to your justice Lord.
In mighty wonders you rescue your people.
You will not always chide, your anger wanes.
And despite our sin your goodness never fades! **(Refrain)**

3. For like the heavens are far above the earth,
Your love towers boundless above your people.
And from your mighty hands compassion flows
To your children whom you made and deeply know! **(Refrain)**

Coda:

The Lord is kind and merciful
Slow to anger and rich in compassion!

SECOND READING

(ACTS 6:1-7)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows were being neglected
in the daily distribution.

So, the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,

“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.”

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so, they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,
also, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these men to the Apostles
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large
group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The Word of the Lord.

The People reply:

Thanks be to God

After the readings, all except the celebrant rise for the gospel acclamation. The thurifer and boat-bearer approach the celebrant, who puts incense into the thurible. The deacon or concelebrant then approaches the celebrant who gives him his blessing. After the blessing, the deacon or concelebrant gets the book of the Gospels from the altar and proceeds to the ambo. Meanwhile, the celebrant removes the miter, rises, and receives the pastoral staff (if he is permitted to carry it) from a minister. He then faces the ambo for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

LK 22:25-27

The Deacon, or a Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles.

There he says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your Spirit.

The Deacon, or a Priest:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

All make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead, lips, and breast. The people acclaim:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Deacon, or a Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

Jesus said to them,

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them;
and those who exercise authority over them
call themselves Benefactors.

But you are not to be like that.

Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest,
and the one who rules like the one who serves.

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one who is at the table?

But I am among you as one who serves.”

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or a Priest, acclaims:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Commentator:

Please remain standing and make the sign of the Cross as the Bishop blesses us with the Book of the Gospels.

After the people's response, the book of the Gospels is brought by the deacon or concelebrant to the bishop. The bishop hands the pastoral staff to a minister, kisses the book and makes the sign of the cross over the people with it. After the blessing, the bishop hands the book back. Putting on the miter and holding the pastoral staff, he then proceeds to the chair prepared for the ordination rite.

ORDINATION

All sit for the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon which begins after the proclamation of the Gospel. The Bishop, wearing his miter, sits at his chair.

The commentator instructs the assembly to take their seats and briefs them what will happen.

Commentator:

Please be seated.

We now come to the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate. Through the laying on of hands by the Bishop, God will make our brothers deacons charged with the ministry of service and charity. They will be members of the order of deacons in the Church, and collaborators of the Bishop in the pastoral care of the people of God.

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Bishop wearing the miter goes to the seat prepared for the Ordination, and the Presentation of the Candidate takes place. A Deacon calls on the candidate.

Let the ones who are to be ordained Deacons come forward.

Brother **YUNIS MARTINUS ZALUKHU**

Brother **RICHARD NIYUKURI**

His name is called out by the Deacon, and when called he says:

Present.

The candidate goes to the Bishop, before whom he makes a sign of reverence.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Commentator:

Rev. Fr. Matteo Rebecchi will now present the candidate to the ordaining prelate.

Rev. Fr. Matteo Rebecchi:

Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Diaconate.

The Bishop asks:

Do you know them to be worthy?

Rev. Fr. Matteo Rebecchi:

**After inquiry among the Christian people
and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation,
I testify that they have been found worthy.**

ELECTION BY THE BISHOP AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

Bishop:

**Relying on the help of the Lord God
and our Savior Jesus Christ,
we choose them, our brothers,
for the Order of the Diaconate.**

All present acclaims:

Thanks be to God.

Commentator:

Let us give the elects a warm round of applause as a sign of approval. Let us now listen to the homily.

HOMILY

Then the Bishop, while all are seated, gives the homily. Taking his theme from the biblical readings just proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word, he addresses the people and the elect on the ministry of service and charity.

PROMISE OF THE ELECTS

Commentator:

Please remain seated.

The Bishop will now ask the elects to promise their dedication to diaconal ministry in the Church, and their commitment to clerical celibacy and obedience to the Bishop and his successors.

After the homily the elects alone rise and stand before the Bishop, who questions all of them together in these words:

**Dear sons,
before you proceed to the Order of the Diaconate,
you must declare before the people your resolve
to undertake this office.**

**Do you resolve to be consecrated for the ministry of the Church
through the laying on of my hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?**

Elect: I do.

Bishop:

**Do you resolve to discharge with humble charity
the office of the Diaconate, so as to assist the
priestly Order and to benefit the Christian
people?**

Elect: I do.

Bishop:

**Do you resolve to hold fast to the mystery of
faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle says,
and to proclaim this faith by word and deed
according to the Gospel and the Church's
tradition?**

Elect: I do.

COMMITMENT TO CELIBACY

Bishop:

**Do you resolve to keep the commitment of celibacy
perpetually as a sign of the dedication of your life
to Christ the Lord for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,
in service to God and others?**

Elect: I do.

Bishop:

**Do you resolve to guard and increase the spirit of prayer proper
to your way of life and,
in keeping with this spirit
and circumstances of your life,
to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours,
with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole world?**

Elect: I do.

Bishop:

**Do you resolve to conform your manner of life always
to the example of Christ,
whose Body and Blood you will handle at the altar?**

Elect: I do, with the help of God.

PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE

Then the Bishop puts aside the pastoral staff, and the elect goes to the Bishop and, kneeling before him, places his joined hands between those of the Bishop.

Bishop:

**Do you promise respect and obedience
to the Diocesan Bishop and to your legitimate superior?**

Elect: I do.

The Bishop concludes:

May God, who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Then all stand. After putting aside the miter, the Bishop stands, faces the people and, with hands joined, invites them to pray.

Commentator:

United in prayer, let us now ask the intercession of the saints for our brothers who are about to be ordained. All please rise.

Bishop:

**Let us pray, dearly beloved,
that God the almighty Father will, in his mercy,
pour out the grace of his blessing on these his
servants, whom he is pleased to receive into the
Sacred Order of the Diaconate.**

The elect prostrates themselves and the Litany is sung while the people kneel. At the proper place in the litany, there may be added names of other Saints (for example, the Patron Saint, the Titular of the church, the Founder of the church, the Patron Saints of the ones to be ordained) or other petitions suitable to the occasion.

Deacon:

Let us kneel

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The candidate prostrates

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary Mother of God	Pray for us
Saint Michael	Pray for us
Holy Angels of God	Pray for us
Saint John the Baptist	Pray for us
Saint Joseph	Pray for us
Saint Peter and Saint Paul	Pray for us
Saint Andrew	Pray for us
Saint John	Pray for us
Saint Mary Magdalene	Pray for us
Saint Stephen	Pray for us
Saint Ignatius	Pray for us
Saint Lawrence	Pray for us
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity	Pray for us

Saint Agnes	Pray for us	
Saint Gregory	Pray for us	
Saint Augustine	Pray for us	
Saint Athanasius	Pray for us	
Saint Basil	Pray for us	
Saint Martin	Pray for us	
Saint Benedict	Pray for us	
Saint Francis and Saint Domenic	Pray for us	
Saint Francis Xavier	Pray for us	
Saint John Vianney	Pray for us	
Saint Catherine	Pray for us	
Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus	Pray for us	
Saint Claire of Assisi	Pray for us	
Saint Rita	Pray for us	
Saint Lorenzo Ruiz	Pray for us	
Saint Guido Maria Conforti	Pray for us	
All holy men and women	Pray for us	
Lord be merciful	Lord, save your people	
From all evil	Lord, save your people	
From every sin	Lord, save your people	
From everlasting death	Lord, save your people	
By your coming as man	Lord, save your people	
By your death and rising to a new life	Lord, save your people	
By your gift of the Holy Spirit	Lord, save your people	
Be merciful to us sinners		Lord hear our prayer
By the self-offering of your servant and his apostolic work,		
make the life of your Church every fruitful		Lord, hear our prayer
Lead all men and women to the fullness of the Christian life		Lord, hear our prayer
Bless this brother of ours, your servant, make him holy		
and consecrate him to your service		Lord, hear our prayer
Jesus, Son of living God		Lord, hear our prayer
Christ hear us	Christ hear us	
Lord Jesus hear our prayer	Lord Jesus hear our prayer	

After the singing of the litany, the Bishop alone stands and, with hands outstretched, sings or says:

**Lord God,
mercifully hear our prayers,
and kindly accompany with your help
what we are about to do by virtue of our office.
Sanctify with your blessing those whom,
in our judgment, we believe are worthy
to be offered for the exercise of sacred ministries.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All answer:

Amen.

The Deacon instructs the people to rise:

Let us stand.

Commentator:

We have now come to the most solemn part of the rite of ordination to the Diaconate. Through the laying on of hands, which is a very ancient gesture that was handed on to us from Old Testament times, our brothers here will become deacons. After the laying on of hands, the Bishop will pray the solemn prayer of ordination. Let us remain standing and remain in a state of prayerful silence all throughout this rite.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The elect rises. One by one they go to the Bishop, who stands at his chair wearing the miter, and kneel before him. The Bishop lays his hands upon the head of each of them, without saying anything.

With the elect kneeling before him, the Bishop puts aside the miter, and, with hands outstretched, he sings or says the Prayer of Ordination:

**Draw near, we pray, Almighty God,
giver of every grace,
who apportion every order and assign every office;
While remaining unchanged,
you make all things new and,
setting all things in order
with everlasting providence,
you make due provision for every age,
through your Word,
your Power, and your Wisdom,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

**You grant that your Church, his Body,
adorned with manifold heavenly graces,
drawn together in the diversity of her members,
and united by a wondrous bond through the Holy Spirit,
should grow and spread forth
to build up a new temple.
As once you chose the sons of Levi
to minister in the former tabernacle,
so now you establish three ranks of ministers
in their sacred offices to serve your name.**

**Thus, in the first days of your Church,
your Son's Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit,
appointed seven men of good repute
to help them in the daily ministry,
so that they might devote themselves more fully
to prayer and the preaching of the word.
By prayer and the laying on of hands,
they entrusted to these chosen men
the ministry of serving at table.**

**Look favorably also on these your servants,
we pray, O Lord,
whom we humbly dedicate to serve at your holy altars
in the office of the Diaconate.**

**SEND FORTH THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THEM,
O LORD, WE PRAY,
THAT THEY MAY BE STRENGTHENED
BY THE GIFT OF YOUR SEVENFOLD GRACE
TO CARRY OUT FAITHFULLY
THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.**

**May every evangelical virtue abound in them:
unfeigned love,
concern for the sick and the poor,
unassuming authority,
the purity of innocence,
and the observance of spiritual discipline.**

**May your precepts shine forth in their conduct,
that by the example of their manner of life
they may inspire the imitation of your holy people.
In offering the witness of a good conscience,
may they remain firm and steadfast in Christ,
so that, by imitating your Son on earth,
who came not to be served but to serve,
they may be found worthy to reign with him in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

All answer:

Amen

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND DALMATIC

Commentator:

Please be seated.

Our new deacons will now be vested with the stole and the dalmatic – a sign of the new mandate they have received as deacons. We maintain our prayerful silence and pray that the Lord may vest him in the garment of salvation, the vestment of joy, in carrying out his ministry.

THE HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

After the Prayer of Ordination, all sit. The Bishop puts on the miter and the newly ordained stand. The priests assisting the Bishop return to their places, but one of them helps the newly Ordained to arrange the stole in the manner proper to deacons and to put on the chasuble.

Commentator:

The new deacons will now be entrusted with the Book of the Gospels, as a sign of their duty and responsibility of proclaiming the Good News in word and deed.

The Bishop says:

**Receive the Gospel of Christ,
whose herald you have become.
Believe what you read,
teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach.**

KISS OF PEACE

The commentator instructs the assembly about the Kiss of Peace:

The Kiss of Peace is an expression of the intimate union of deacons with the Bishop and their collegiality with those in the ordained ministry. As a sign of their acceptance to the order of the Diaconate, the Bishop (and the Deacon/s) shall now give the kiss of peace to the newly ordained.

Lastly, the Bishop gives each of the newly ordained the fraternal kiss, saying:

Peace be with you.

The newly ordained responds:

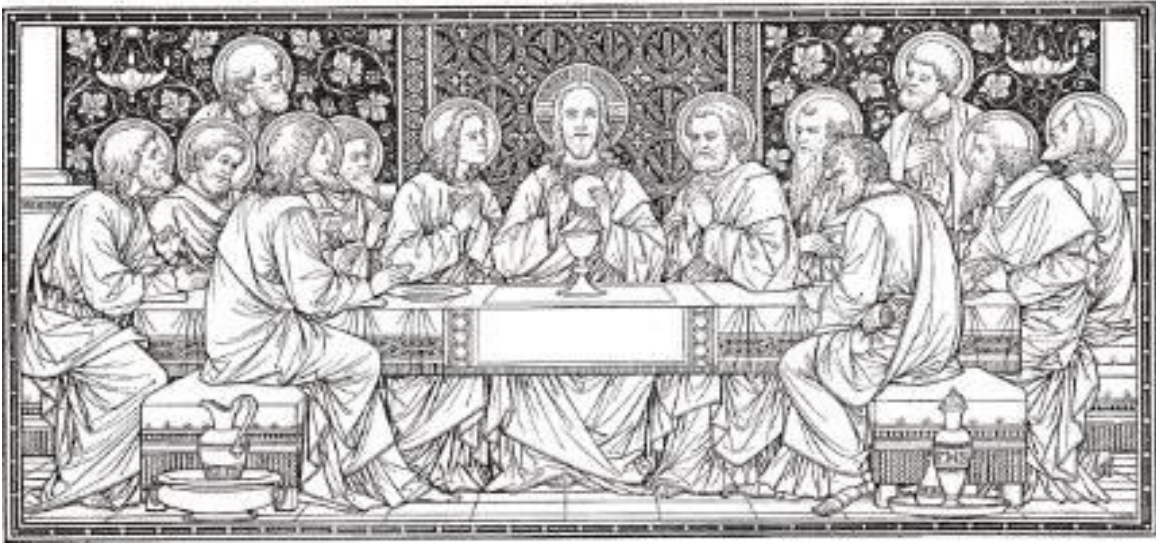
And with your spirit.

Likewise, all the Deacons present, or at least some of them, give the fraternal kiss to the newly ordained. The Mass continues in the usual manner. The profession of faith is said when called for by the rubrics; the Prayer of the Faithful (Universal Prayer) is omitted.

Commentator:

Let us give our newly ordained deacons a warm round of applause.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is concelebrated in the usual way; however, the preparation of the chalice is omitted.

Once the altar is ready, the Bishop approaches the altar, holds the paten slightly raised above the altar, saying in a low voice:

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.**

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. He takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.**

Then he places the chalice on the corporal. Then, bowing slightly, he says the following:

**With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.**

If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses him and the people: Then, he washes his hands, saying quietly:

**Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:

**Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.**

The people rise and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for
the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Then the Bishop, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings,

**Holy Father, whose Son chose to wash
the disciples' feet and so set us an example,
accept, we pray, the oblations of our service,
and grant that, offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.
Through Christ our Lord.**

At the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

A Deacon, or the MC, removes the Zucchetto (skullcap) of the Bishop. Then the Bishop begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

PREFACE: CHRIST, SOURCE OF ALL MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit
you made your Only Begotten Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree
that many ministries be exercised in the Church.**

**For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood
the people he has made his own,
but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men
to become sharers in his sacred ministry
through the laying on of hands.**

**He chooses them to lead your holy people in charity,
to nourish them with the word
and strengthen them with the Sacraments.**

**As they give up their lives for you
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.**

**And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:**

At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing or saying aloud:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

The Bishop, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

**You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.**

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Celebrant with concelebrants

**Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,**

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

**that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,**

He joins his hands.

at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.

For on the night he was betrayed

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

**he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:**

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

**he took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:**

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he says:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Then the Bishop, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant with concelebrants

**Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.**

**Look, we pray,
upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim
by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we,
who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.**

**May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs,
with Saint Guido Maria Conforti, Saint Francis Xavier,
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.**

Celebrant or one concelebrant

**May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.**

Celebrant or one concelebrant

**Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Francis our Pope
and Roberto our Bishop, with the Order of Bishops,
these your servants,
who have been ordained today as minister for the Church,
all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.**

**Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.**

**To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory**

Celebrant or one concelebrant

He joins his hands.

**through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.**

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Celebrant alone or with concelebrants

**Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.**

The people acclaim:

Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

After the chalice and paten have been set down, the Bishop, with hands joined, says:

**At the Savior's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:**

He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

**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.**

With hands extended, the Bishop alone continues, saying:

**Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

He joins his hands.

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Then the Bishop, with hands extended, says aloud:

**Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.**

He joins his hands.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

The people reply:

Amen.

The Bishop, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

Then, if appropriate, the Deacon adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity.

The Priest gives the sign of peace to a Deacon or minister.

Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

**May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.**

Meanwhile the following is sung or said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The invocation may even be repeated several times if the fraction is prolonged. Only the final time, however, is grant us peace said.

Then the Bishop, with hands joined, says quietly:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.**

Or:

**May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.**

The Bishop genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:

**Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

And together with the people he adds once:

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

The Bishop, facing the altar, says quietly:

**May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

**May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

While the Priest is receiving the Body of Christ, the Communion Chant begins.

When the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest or a Deacon or an acolyte purifies the paten over the chalice and also the chalice itself.

While he carries out the purification, the Priest says quietly:

**What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Bishop says:

Let us pray.

**Grant, O Lord, to your servants,
whom you have replenished with heavenly food and drink,
that, for the sake of your glory and the salvation of believers,
they may be found faithful
as ministers of the Gospel, of the Sacraments and of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**

At the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this point, announcements are made, if there are any, during which the people sit.

Commentator:

Let us sit and listen to the words of gratitude from our newly ordained deacon Rev. Richard Niyukuri.

(After the words of thanks, a Marian antiphon will be sung.)

Commentator:

Let us all stand.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Bishop, wearing the miter, says the following:

The Lord be with you.

All answer:

And with your spirit

The newly ordained deacon then says:

Bow down for the blessing.

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained deacons and the people, proclaims the blessing:

**May God, who has called you to the service of others in his Church,
give you great zeal for all,
especially the afflicted and the poor.**

R. Amen.

**May he, who has entrusted you with preaching the Gospel of Christ,
help you, as you live according to his word,
to be its sincere and fervent witnesses.**

R. Amen.

**May he, who has appointed you stewards of his mysteries,
make you imitators of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and ministers of unity and peace in the world.**

R. Amen.

The bishop then takes the pastoral staff and says the blessing, making the triple sign of the cross over the people:

**And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.**

All answer:

Amen.

One of the newly ordained deacons says the dismissal:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All answer:

Thanks be to God.