**Rite of Baptism**

*If possible, baptism should take place during one of our Sunday liturgies - conferred in a communal celebration in the presence of the faithful, or at least of relatives, friends, and neighbors, who are all to take an active part in the rite. It is the role of the father and mother, accompanied by the godparents, to present the child for baptism. It has been customary for the celebrant/presider to introduce the parents, godparents, and child/children (to be baptized) before the Gathering Hymn. The family is invited to stand on the top step in the sanctuary, facing the assembly.* ***Many Newman parents chose to write a letter to their child describing their hope that s/he will grow in faith. The letter is read at the ambo before the presentation dialogue.***

**Presentation Dialogue**

*(Parents and godparents are asked to speak their responses audibly and clearly.)*

*Celebrant: What name have you given your child?*

*Parents: N.*

*Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for N.?*

*Parents: Baptism.*

*Celebrant: You have asked to have N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her/them in the practice of faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her/them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?*

*Parents: We do.*

*Celebrant: Asking the godparents: Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mother and father?*

*Godparents: We are.*

*Celebrant: N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.*

*[Place sign of the cross on forehead. Invite parents, godparents, and anyone in the assembly to do the same. It has been Newman’s custom to have parents (with assistance from deacon or sacristan) walk their child/children through the assembly (up and down the center aisle is fine), holding the child out so that parishioners can make the sign of the cross on the child’s forehead. This custom reminds both parents and assembly of their responsibility to the faith formation of the child.* ***The presider or cantor will invite the assembly to sing the GATHERING HYMN during the signing.****]*

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Homily

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism**

**Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water**

**Celebrant:**

*Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament. At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters making them the wellspring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Father, look now with your love upon your Church, and unseal for her the foundation of baptism. By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created man in your own likeness: cleanse him from sin in a new birth to innocence by water and the spirit. We ask you, Father, with your son to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*All: Amen.*

**Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

**Celebrant:**

*Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present for baptism N./and N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By water and the Holy Spirit he/she/they is/are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her/them up in the practice of faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her/them is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her/their heart (s). If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is/are about to be baptized.*

*Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?*

*Parents, Godparents, and all present:* ***I do.***

*Celebrant: And all his works?*

*Parents, Godparents, and all present****: I do.***

*Celebrant: And all his empty promises?*

*Parents, Godparents, and all present****: I do.***

*Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?*

*Parents, Godparents, and all present****: I do.***

*Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right and of the Father?*

*Parents, Godparents, and all present****: I do.***

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

*Parents, Godparents, and all present:* ***I do.***

*Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

***All: Amen.***

**Baptism**

*Celebrant: Is it your will that N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?*

*Parents & Godparents: Yes.*

*Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Anointing with Chrism Celebrant: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as members of his body, sharing everlasting life.*

*All: Amen.*

***[Anointing with Chrism on the forehead]***

**Clothing with White Garment**

*Celebrant: N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of our Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.* ***[Parents and godparents dress the child in the baptismal garment while the following acclamation is sung.]***

**Sung Acclamation: “Blessed be God, O Blessed be God!”**

**Lighted Candle**

*Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ. Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has/have been enlightened by Christ. He/she/they is/are to walk always as a child/children of the light. May he/she/they keep the flame of faith alive in his/her/their heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she/they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.*

*All: Amen.*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist (continues as usual if priest is celebrant)**

**Communion Rite Lord's Prayer:**

*Celebrant: Dearly beloved, N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been reborn in baptism. He/she/they is/are now called child/children of God, for so indeed he/she/they is/are. In confirmation he/she/they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion he/she/they will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her/their Father in the midst of the Church. In his name, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us: All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.*

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

**Blessing**

*Celebrant: God the Father, through his son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mother of N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She/they now thank (s) God for the gift of N./and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ May she/they be one with him in thanking him for ever in heaven in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*All: Amen.*

*Priest: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the father of N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With N. /and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He/they will be the first teachers of N. /and N in the ways of faith. May he/they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*All: Amen.*

*Celebrant: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessings upon all present, who are his sons and daughters. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*All: Amen.*

**Concluding Rite**