

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS – OPTION II

INTRODUCTION

1. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the holy Chrism which are blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass be presented to and received by the local parish community.
2. The presentation of the holy Oils may take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or, if the Oils are not blessed on Holy Thursday, on another day.
3. The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the presbyterium or near the baptismal font.
4. Following the Entrance Procession, incensing of the altar and the Greeting, the Oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in procession, by members of the faithful, to the sanctuary where the pastor and ministers await. The oil bearers form a line in front of the altar facing the pastor. Each presenter steps forward, presents the oil to the pastor who receives it and, lifting it, presents it to the assembly with the accompanying explanation of significance. He then returns the oil to the person who presented it who takes the oil and steps back.
5. The faithful may respond with a sung or spoken acclamation after each oil is presented.
6. After each of the oils have been received, the members of the faithful carry the oils to the ambry where they are placed.
7. The following, or other words, may be used to explain the significance of the Oils:

Reception of the Holy Oils

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Oil of the Sick.

Priest:

**This Oil of the Sick has been blessed by our Bishop
for the healing of body, mind, and soul.
May the sick, who are anointed with it,
experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Oil of Catechumens:

The Oil of Catechumens.

Priest:

**This Oil of Catechumens has been blessed by our Bishop
for the anointing of those preparing for Baptism.
Through this anointing they are strengthened by Christ
to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms,
as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Holy Chrism:

The holy Chrism.

Priest:

**This holy Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and perfume,
has been consecrated by our Bishop and the Priests of our Diocese.
It will be used to anoint infants after Baptism,
those who are to be confirmed,
Bishops and Priests at their Ordination,
and altars and churches at the time of their dedication.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The oils are then taken to the ambry where they are placed.