

¶ Then the Priest shall take the Child into his hands, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

¶ And then naming it after them (if they shall certify him that the Child may well endure it) he shall dip it in the Water discreetly and warily, saying,

NI baptize thee, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ But if they certify that the Child is weak, it shall suffice to pour Water upon it, saying the aforesaid Words.

NI baptize thee, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,

WE receive this Child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do* sign him with the sign of the Cross; in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the Devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say, Being now dearly beloved Brethren, that this Child is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one

accord make our prayers unto him, that this Child may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling; **O**UR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Infant with thy holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that he being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as he is made partaker of the death of thy Son, he may also be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally with the residue of thy holy Church, he may be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then all standing up, the Priest shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following.

For:

FOrasmuch as this Child hath promised by you his sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember that it is your parts and duties to see that this Infant be taught, so soon as he shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession he hath here made by you. And that he may know these things the better, ye shall call upon him to hear Sermons, and chiefly ye shall provide that he may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that this Child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Chris-

tian life; remembering always that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession, which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us; so should we who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ Then shall he add and say,

YE are to take care that this Child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose.

“ **I**T is certain by God's Word, that Children which are baptized, dying before they commit actual sin, are undoubtedly saved.

“ To take away all scruple concerning the use of the sign of the Cross in Baptism; the true Explication thereof, and the just reasons for the retaining of it, may be seen in the xxxth “ Canon, first published in the year MDCIV.”

The MINISTRATION of Private BAPTISM of Children in Houses.

¶ THE Curates of every Parish shall often admonish the People that they defer not the Baptism of their Children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their Birth, or other Holy-day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause, to be approved of by the Curate.

¶ And also they shall warn them, that without like great cause and necessity they procure not their Children to be baptized at home in their houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered on this fashion.

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