

Private Baptism.

¶ *First, let the Minister of the Parish (or in his absence, any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with them that are present, call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Publick Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then the Child being named by some one that is present, the Minister shall pour Water upon it, saying these Words:*

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

¶ *Then all kneeling down, the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and 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 we humbly beseech thee to grant that as *he* is now made partaker of the death of thy Son, so *he* may be also of his resurrection; and that finally, with the residue of thy Saints *he* may inherit thine everlasting kingdom, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *And let them not doubt, but that the Child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. Yet nevertheless, if the Child which is after this sort baptized, do afterward live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church to the intent that if the Minister of the same Parish did himself baptize that Child, the Congregation may be certified of the*

true form of Baptism, by him privately before used. In which case he shall say thus,

I Certify you, that according to the due and prescribed Order of the Church, at such a time, and at such a place, before divers witnesses I baptized this Child.

¶ *But if the Child were baptized by any other lawful Minister; then the Minister of the Parish where the Child was born or christened, shall examine and try whether the Child be lawfully baptized, or no. In which case, if those that bring any Child to the Church, do answer that the same Child is already baptized, then shall the Minister examine them further, saying,*

BY whom was this Child baptized?

Who was present when this Child was baptized?

Because some things essential to this Sacrament may happen to be omitted through fear or haste, in such times of extremity; therefore I demand further of you,

With what matter was this Child baptized?

With what words was this Child baptized?

¶ *And if the Minister shall find by the Answers of such as bring*
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