

NOTE FROM FR. ALEX: For next year DIP, rather than use the oil of catechumens during the Easter vigil, can you make a note for us to anoint the catechumens (those who will be baptized), at multiple times throughout the RCIA process:

- On the Sunday for the rite of sending
- Each of the 3 scrutinies

### **Third Scrutiny (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

Readings, homily and Creed as usual

#### **Invitation to Silent Prayer**

*Celebrant remains in the sanctuary, stands in front of the altar, facing the assembly.*

*Elect with their godparent(s) come forward and stand before the celebrant (facing altar). Catechist proceeds to the ambo.*

*The celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.*

*The celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them also to pray in silence and suggesting that as a sign of their inner spirit of repentance they bow their heads; he concludes his remarks with the following:*

**Celebrant:**

**Elect of God, bow your heads and pray.**

*The elect bow their heads and all pray for some time in silence. After the period of silent prayer, the community and the elect stand for the intercessions.*

**Celebrant:**

**Let us pray for these elect whom God has chosen. May the grace of the sacraments conform them to Christ in his passion and resurrection and enable them to triumph over the bitter fate of death.**

Catechist:

The Response is: Lord graciously hear us.

That faith may strengthen them against worldly deceits of every kind, Lord hear us:

All: Lord graciously hear us.

That they may always thank God, who has chosen to rescue them from their ignorance of eternal life and to set her on the way of salvation, Lord hear us:

That the example and prayers of catechumens who have shed their blood for Christ may encourage these elect in their hope of eternal life, Lord hear us:

That they may all have a horror of sin, which distorts life, Lord hear us:

That those who are saddened by the death of family or friends may find comfort in Christ, Lord hear us:

That we too at Easter may again be confirmed in our hope of rising to life with Christ, Lord hear us:

That the whole world, which God has created in love, may flower in faith and charity and so receive new life, Lord hear us:

*IF regular intercessions are not to be read:*  
For the [repose of the soul/intention of]

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For whom this Mass is being offered, Lord hear us:

Exorcism

Celebrant faces the elect, and with hands joined, says:

Father of life and God not of the dead but of the living,  
you sent your Son to proclaim life,  
to snatch us from the realm of death,  
and to lead us to the resurrection.

Free this elect  
from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil,  
so that she may bear witness  
to her new life in the risen Christ,  
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

In silence, Celebrant lays hands the elect then with hands stretched out over them continues:

*Celebrant:*

Lord Jesus,  
by raising Lazarus from the dead  
you showed that you came that we might have life  
and have it more abundantly.

Free from the grasp of death those who await your life-giving sacraments  
and deliver them from the spirit of corruption.

Through your Spirit, who gives life,  
fill them with faith, hope, and charity,  
that they may live with you always in the glory of your resurrection,  
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

### **Dismissal of the Elect:**

*Celebrant:*

Although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord's Eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with his Spirit to re-create the face of the earth.

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeds as usual