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LITURGY OF EUCHARIST

Care should be taken that, particularly in regard to this night's celebration of the Eucharist, the liturgy is not done in haste and that all the rites and words should be given their full force.

The *Missale* has incorporated into itself rubrics found in nos. 241-243 of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. These allow for a commemoration of the baptized and their godparents to be made in the Eucharistic Prayer. Proper formulas are found in the Roman Missal for each of the Eucharistic prayers (EV, no.63). The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* indicates that these formulas are found in the section for ritual Masses, "Christian Initiation: Baptism."

The *Missale* reminds the priest that before he says, *This is the Lamb of God*, he may make a brief remark to the neophytes about their first Communion and "about the preciousness of so great a mystery, which is the climax of initiation and the center of the Christian life" (EV, no. 64). In no. 65 the rubrics for the Easter Vigil indicate the desirability for the neophytes as well as all the faithful, if the diocesan Bishop consents, to receive Communion under both kinds.

The *Missale* provides a solemn blessing to conclude the liturgy (EV, no.69). It is used in place and can presently be found in the Sacramentary at no. 6, "Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday". It is also possible to use the formula of the final blessing in the Order of Baptism for Children, according to circumstances.

The very last rubric reminds us that "the Easter candle is lighted in all of the more solemn liturgical celebrations in the Season of Easter" (EV, no. 70).

