

# THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS IN INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

## INTRODUCTION

1. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism, which are blessed by the bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community.
2. The reception of the holy oils may take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or at another time that seems more appropriate.
3. The Holy Oils should be reserved in a suitable repository (ambry) in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font.
4. The oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in the procession of the gifts, before the bread and wine, by members of the assembly.
5. The oils are received by the priest and are then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved.
6. As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil.
7. The people's response may be sung.

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OIL OF THE SICK

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Oil of the Sick.

Celebrant:

Through anointing with this oil may the sick  
experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love,  
in body, mind, and soul.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Oil of the Catechumens.

Celebrant:

Through anointing with this oil may our catechumens  
who are preparing to receive the saving waters of baptism  
be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan  
and reject evil in all its forms.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

## SACRED CHRISM

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Sacred Chrism.

Celebrant:

Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism  
may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed,  
and presbyters, who are ordained,  
experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The bread and wine for the Eucharist are then received and Mass continues in the usual way.