



## PRIEST ADDRESSES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

PRIEST: Are you ready to help these parents in their responsibility as Christian mothers and fathers

ALL: We are

PRIEST: May the God of Jesus Christ bless you and keep you faithful in his Church and in your pledge of fidelity to this family

(Addressing the child)

N., N., the Christian community welcomes you with great joy  
In its name, I claim you for Christ our saviour by the sign of the cross.

I now trace the cross on your forehead and invite your parents, godparents and faith friends to do the same.

ANOINTING with OIL of BAPTISM

*As the baby is anointed the minister prays:*

We anoint you with the oil of salvation  
in the name of Christ our Saviour  
may he strengthen you with his power  
who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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The parish community now shows their welcome



# RITE OF WELCOME FOR CHILDREN BEING PREPARED FOR BAPTISM



After the Gospel:  
(The families gather around the altar with their  
baby, Godparents and Faith friends)

PRIEST:

Today we welcome these families with great joy  
They have asked to have their child baptised into this  
community.  
They also ask for our support as they commit themselves to  
Christ in our parish community.  
We are now invited to commit ourselves to them and to their  
children as we journey together in faith.

And so parents I ask you what name do you give your child?

PARENTS: *CHILD'S NAME*

PRIEST: What do you ask of God's Church for N. and N.?

PARENTS:

The welcome of this community  
The support of this community  
Baptism into this community of faith

PRIEST:

You have asked to have your child baptised.  
In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of forming your  
child in the faith we profess.  
It will be your duty to encourage your child to keep God's  
commandments as Christ taught us by loving God and our  
neighbour.  
Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

PARENTS: We/ I do



Turning to the assembled Christian community  
the priest says:

PRIEST: if there is anyone here in this Church who wants to  
support this family as a faith friend please come forward

*The faith friends come forward. The priest addresses the  
faith friends by name saying:*

PRIEST:

N., and N., are you ready to be faith friends to this family?

FAITH FRIENDS: We are/ I am

PRIEST: Will you, with the community, support them by the  
example of Christian life?

FAITH FRIENDS: We will

PRIEST: My friends this community rejoices that you are ready  
to journey in faith and friendship with this family.  
May the Lord bless and strengthen your undertaking.

