

## The Rite of Dedication from the Roman Pontifical

### *A Functional Outline*

#### *Entrance Rite*

##### **A. Solemn Processional Entry:**

*Gathering* in the old church or other appropriate building.

*Greeting and Introduction* by the bishop.

*Procession* to the entry of the new church with song.

*Representative Address* to the bishop and people by architect, contractor, and building committee members.

*Handover of Building*, documents, plans, specifications, occupancy permits, legal documents, and keys to the bishop by the representatives.

*Opening of the Doors* by the pastor with the keys from the bishop.

*Invitation to Enter* by the bishop to the faithful with song.

##### **B. Solemn Entry without Procession:**

*Gathering* at the doors of the new church.

*Greeting and Introduction* by the bishop.

*Representative Address* to the bishop and people by architect, contractor, and building committee members.

*Handover of Building*, documents, plans, specifications, occupancy permits, legal documents, and keys to the bishop by the representatives.

*Opening of the Doors* by the pastor with the keys from the bishop.

*Invitation to Enter* by the bishop to the faithful with song.

##### **C. Simple Entry**

*Gathering* in the new church with the bishop processing from the sacristy to the presider's chair in the sanctuary without reverencing the altar.

*Greeting and Introduction* by the bishop.

*Representative Address* to the bishop and people by architect, contractor, and building committee members.

*Handover of Building*, documents, plans, specifications, occupancy permits, legal documents, and keys to the bishop by the representatives.

#### *Sprinkling Rite*

*Blessing of Holy Water* by the bishop at the chair.

*Sprinkling of the People, the Walls, and the Altar* by the bishop with holy water throughout the nave.

**Gloria** is sung.

**Opening Prayer** by the bishop at the chair.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Introduction to the Readings* by the bishop.

*Reading 1:* Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (Lectionary, no. 70).

*Responsorial Psalm* is sung.

*Reading 2:* from Lectionary, no. 704.

*Alleluia* is sung.

*Gospel:* from Lectionary, no. 706.

*Homily* by the bishop.

*Profession of Faith* recited by all.

### **Litany of the Saints**

*Invitation to the Litany of the Saints* by the bishop.

*Litany* is sung.

*Concluding Prayer of Litany* by the bishop.

*Relics Deposited and Sealed* if relics are to be placed beneath the altar table.

**Prayer of Dedication** by the bishop at the altar.

### **Anointings**

*The Altar* by the bishop with chrism.

*The Walls* by the bishop/pastor/priests with chrism.

### **Incensations**

*Procession of Brazier(s)* to the altar.

*Incense Prayer* by the bishop.

*Incensation of the Altar* by the bishop.

*Incensation of the People* by the pastor/priests/ministers.

*Incensation of the Walls* by the pastor/priests/ministers.

### **Clothing of the Altar**

*Preparation* of the altar by ministers wiping the chrism off.

*Clothing* the altar with festive cloths by ministers.

*Decoration* of the altar area with flowers by ministers.

### **Lighting of the Altar**

*Placement of Candles* by ministers around the altar for Mass.

*Candle Lighting* by the deacon with a taper from the bishop.

*Lighting of the Whole Church*, including where wall anointings were done if possible.

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*The Gifts* are presented and prepared.

*Prayer over the Gifts* by the bishop.

*Preface of a Dedication.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy* is sung.

*Eucharistic Prayers I and III* have special forms for a dedication Mass.

*Acclamation of Faith* is sung.

*Great Amen* is sung.

***Communion Rite*** as usual.

***Inauguration of Blessed Sacrament Chapel or Tabernacle***

*Ciborium/Pyx* with the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar.

*Incensation* by the bishop.

*Procession* led by the bishop, carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the church to the chapel or tabernacle.

*Incensation* of Blessed Sacrament on the altar of the chapel of reservation or at the tabernacle by the bishop.

*Conclusion* when the deacon places the ciborium/pyx in the tabernacle and closes it.

*Sanctuary Lamp* is lit by a minister.

*Recession*, all return to the sanctuary.

***Prayer after Communion*** by the bishop.

***Blessing and Dismissal*** by the bishop and deacon, respectively.

***Recessional Hymn*** sung by all.