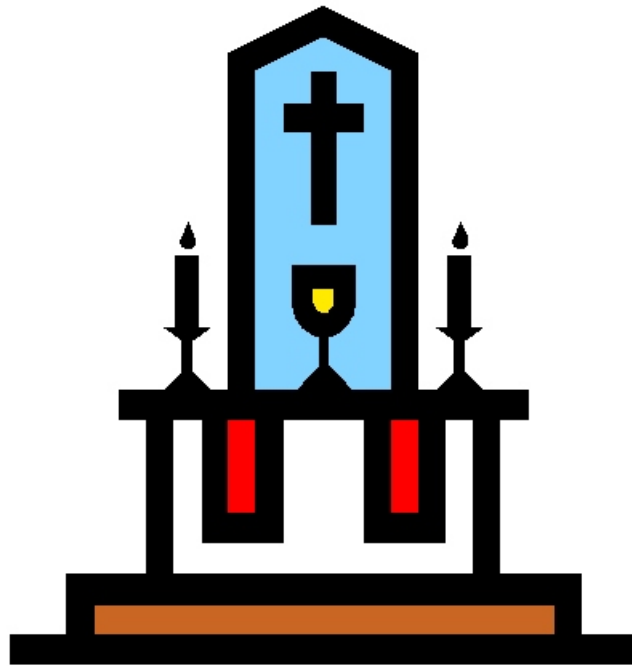


Holy Hour for Children



That they may know YOU !

Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the celebrant meets with the children and explains to them what he is about to do. He also shows them the garments that he will wear for exposition and explains to them why he is wearing them. Also, it will be a good idea to use incense, so children experience the Sacredness of this spiritual event.

RITE OF EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION

Everyone kneels while the celebrant exposes the Most Blessed Sacrament.

O Salutáris Hóstia,
Quae caeli pandas óstinum
Bella premunt hostília,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinóque Domino
Sit sempitérna glória,
Qui vital sine término
Novis donet in patria. Amen.

Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Children:

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

(The Celebrant welcomes everyone and invites them to be still and to be in silence, because God is present)

Celebrant:

My dear children, Jesus is present here among us and He is smiling at you all because you are special to Him. He knows each one of you by name and loves each one of you personally. I invite you now to praise and thank Him with me.

He likes it very much when we are thankful. He likes it when we come to Him and say. Thank you Jesus, for all the many gifts you have given me.

For each thank you note we will respond,

Thank you Lord, for giving us life, (3)
Right where we are.
(Sung)

(Invite children to participate) (or assign a grade beforehand to do this part)

Child one:

Thank you, Jesus, for the trees, the water, the sun, the moon, the flowers, the birds and all creation. R/.

Child two:

Thank you, Jesus, for my family, my grandparents, my friends, my teachers, my catechists here at church and all those people who care for me. R/.

Child three:

Thank you, Jesus for my hands, my feet, my legs, my nose, for the gift of life, for creating me in your own likeness. R/.

Child four:

Thank you, Jesus, for your presence here among us. For wanting to stay with us for ever in the Most Blessed Sacrament. R/.

Celebrant:

I invite other children and their catechists for spontaneous thank you prayers.
(allow time for children and catechists to think what is it that they want to be thankful for).

Celebrant:

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, stay with us and keep us always close to You, we ask this in your most Blessed Name.

Children:

Amen.

Celebrant:

Let us now all stand and join together in song: Let us raise our voices as we experience the presence of the ONE who loves and cares for us.

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to be light to the world,
The star of my life is Jesus.

*In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look like Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

*In him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy Jesus

*In him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

(Now the celebrant invites the children to sit and say a mystery of the Holy Rosary with him. He may ask the confirmation candidates or an other class to lead everyone in this prayer.)

Celebrant:

Children, together let us offer one mystery of the Holy Rosary for all those children in the world who do not have the opportunity to meet Jesus because of violence, hunger or because they live in a far a way land.

One child announces the Mystery:

The fifth luminous mystery --- *The institution of the Eucharist.*

1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary 1 Glory Be

(At the end of the mystery all children say the following prayer)

Children:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, specially all those who are in most need of thy mercy.

Celebrant:

Savior of the World,

Children:

Grant us holy and numerous vocations.

Celebrant:

Let us now all kneel and say the Fatima Prayer three times

All: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!

Celebrant:

Let us now all stand and tell Jesus how much we love Him through this hymn.

Jesus, I love you Jesus,
Jesus, I love you Jesus,
Jesus, I love you Jesus,

With all my heart. (3)

Mary, I love you Mary,
Mary, I love you Mary,
Mary, I love you Mary,
With all my heart. (3)

-Story telling –

(The celebrant or a catechists invites the children to sit down and he/she tells them a story of a Eucharistic Miracle)

Celebrant:

Now that we have experienced Jesus' presence, let us ask Him to help us in our needs.

LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS IN THE WORLD

Celebrant:

We will sing our response:

Amen, Amen, Amen...

Let us pray for the Church

Child one:

May Jesus guide us and gather us in peace.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen

Celebrant:

Let us pray for our Pope John Paul II.

Child two: May God make him strong. May he lead us as God's children.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen

Celebrant:

Let us pray for those who will soon be baptized

Child three: May God help them to follow Jesus

All: Amen, Amen, Amen...

Celebrant:

Let us pray for our government leaders.

Child four: May God bless them. May they keep us safe and free.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen

Celebrant:

Let us pray for those in need,

Child five: May God make them strong.

Child six: May God give them health,

Child seven: May God make them happy.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen

Celebrant:

Now Let us prepare for benediction

(The celebrant invites the children to kneel)

Tantum ergo sacramentum

Veneremur cernui

Et anticum documentum

Novo cedat ritui.

Prestet fides supplementum

Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitrique

Laus et jubilatio

Salus, honor virtus quoque,

Sit et benedictio:

Procedente ab utroque

Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Celebrant: You have given them bread from heaven:

Children: Containing in itself all delight.

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist, as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and

blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Children: Amen.

(The celebrant blessed the children with the Most Blessed Sacrament while all remain in silence).

Celebrant and Children: O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and all thanks giving
Be every moment Thine. (3)

Reposition

Celebrant & Children

Blest be God. Blest be His holy name. Blest be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. Blest be the name of Jesus. Blest be his most sacred blood. Blessed Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Blest be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Blest be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blest be her holy and immaculate conception. Blest be her glorious assumption. Blest be the name of Mary, virgin and mother. Blest be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blest be God in his angels and in his saints.

(The celebrant dismisses the children)