

# HOLY OILS

*Sourced and derived form the Liberal Catholic Church tradition*



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## 1. CONSIDERATION

As a dispersed church the Old Catholic Apostolic Church is not always capable of distributing the Holy Oils to everyone. Therefore, a liturgy for use in minor orders may be a welcome addition.

After ample consideration we choose the viewpoint to invite the presence of God through prayer in the plural form, where we declare that only through the Presence of God physical matter may become a carrier of Gods workings – as in the Holy Oils for example – and we declare that only in the plural form that as such directly expresses an interconnectedness of all life the Creator of all Life can be fully welcomed. Please contemplate this.

And please also contemplate the blessing of Holy Oils in connection with *10. CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY OILS ACCORDING TO THE LITURGY OF THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A CHURCH OR CHAPEL* (p. 12) to become more attuned with the inner workings and thereby becoming more conscious of the use that is made of you when using Holy Oils be it a Healing Service or Baptism with consecrated oils or with blessed oils.

Since Holy Chrism is used in Baptism according to the Liberal Catholic Church, prayers for the blessing of Holy Chrism for a Baptism are included. All other use of Holy Chrism, Oil for the Sick or oil of the Catechumens when not a bishop will be null and void.

May this information be a blessing to you and your ministry.

May Christ be with you always.



Lochem, The Netherlands.

Laetare 2026, Bishop “Paula” (Paula-Willemijn) van Rooijen

The image on the front is a set of oils from 1946. Found in the Liberal Catholic Church in The Hague ca. 2012.

## SIGNS OF THE CROSS IN THIS DOCUMENT

✠ This sign of a cross means all present cross themselves.

+ This sign of a cross means that the celebrant makes the sign of the cross over something or someone.

## 2. HOLY OILS IN THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The LCC uses three different kinds of oils, each consecrated for a particular purpose.

Oil for the Sick	Healing Service Extreme Unction
Oil for the Catechumens	Baptism Anointing the hands of the ordained Priest
Chrism	Baptism Confirmation Anointing hands and head of the consecrated Bishop Anointing a new Altar Stone Anointing new Ray Crosses

Pure olive oil is used.

For the balm in the Chrism (see 9 and 10) finely ground incense is used. Finely ground means ground to a powder. The incense used is the incense regularly used in the services. Compounds are usually Olibanum and Benzoin while Gum Thus (Frankincense) may also be added. The subject of incense is not discussed in detail here.

### 3. STORING AND USING HOLY OILS AND CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS

**This is the overarching guideline: Every physical utensil coming into contact with Holy Oils must be cleaned (if possible) or restored to the earth.**

Traditionally the consecration of the Holy Oils is during Holy Mass on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday in Holy Week). After the consecration of the new oils for the coming year the oils of the year before are poured out upon the soil. Also, all crockery, spoon and other tools that were used in preparation or during the consecration of the Holy oils are cleaned with paper towels that are then burned and the ashes are put upon the soil (the wiped clean materials will then be washed up as in a household). Glass containers are cleaned as well as possible with paper towels that are then burned, and further cleansed in hot water and discarded.

The Holy Oils are to be kept each in a glass container marked with name and with the year of consecration when consecrated by a bishop.

For easy carrying and administering a *chrismatorium* may be used. A chrismatorium is a cylindrical metal holder with three compartments, each of which can be unscrewed.

The holder contains the three vessels (often ampoules or cylinders) engraved with the names of the following oils:

- SC or CHR (Sanctum Chrisma): Holy Chrism.
- OI (Oleum Infirmorum): Oil for the Sick.
- OC or CAT (Oleum Catechumenorum): Oils for the Catechumens.

In each vessel or ampoule a cotton pad is placed almost to the rim. Then the specific oil is poured in saturating the cotton pad but not being visible as a fluid.

When administering a Holy Oil a thumb is placed on the saturated cotton pad and then placed on the designated place on the person.

After the use of the Holy Oil the thumb may be cleansed with a cotton pad. This cotton pad is stored in a jar and traditionally burned on Maundy Thursday together with the paper towels used in cleaning the materials used in the consecration of the new Holy Oils. It is permitted to chose another day for the burning of the pads.

#### **4. USING HOLY OILS WHEN A PRIEST – IN TWO WAYS**

(1) A priest may use the Holy Oils consecrated by a bishop. These oils need no further ‘treatment’ as they are as they should be and their strength will last a year.

(2) If distributing the Holy Oils were not successful due to being a dispersed church a priest may exorcise and bless the oils before each use.

A priest through the priestly ordination is capable of exorcizing and blessing among other capabilities that are not the focus of this document. Blessing as in the blessing of Holy Water and Baptismal water.

The liturgy of *10. CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY OILS ACCORDING TO THE LITURGY OF THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A CHURCH OR CHAPEL* (Page 12) will be used for the correct wording for exorcism and blessing.

#### **5. USING HOLY OILS WHEN NOT A PRIEST**

The blessing of Holy Oils must be repeated each time a Holy Oil is used. Contrary to the might of a bishop where the consecration lasts for a year, others not being a priest must pray for the blessing each time for the oils to be suitable for use.

#### **6. LITURGY FOR THE BLESSING OF HOLY OILS ACCORDING TO THE USE IN THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR MINOR ORDERS**

In this liturgy we invite the Presence of God through prayer in a plural form. Only through the Presence of God may physical matter become a carrier of Gods workings – as in the Holy Oils for example. Through the plural we declare our interconnectedness with all life where the Creator of all Life can be fully welcomed.

## **7. PRAYERS FOR THE BLESSING OF OIL FOR THE SICK**

*Needed is a small table with a linen cloth for the blessing of the oil. At least one candle is lit for the collaboration with the Angels.*

*C. means Celebrant.*

*A. means all.*

### **INVOCATION**

*All stand.*

C. In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

### **CONFITEOR**

*All kneel or sit.*

A. O Lord, You created humankind for immortality and made us an image of Your own eternity, yet often we forget the splendor of our legacy and stray from the path that leads to righteousness. But You, O Lord, have created in us the pursuit of the glory in which You stand, and our heart is restless until it finds its peace in You. Look with lovingkindness upon our many imperfections and forgive us all our faults, so that we, filled with the splendor of eternal light, may become a spotless mirror of Your power and the image of Your lovingkindness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **ABSOLUTION WHEN NOT BEING A PRIEST**

*All kneel or sit.*

C. May the Lord bless us and grant us ✠ absolution from all our sins, ignorance and selfishness, and may His peace rest upon us now and forever.

A. Thanks be to the Lord.

C. Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit.*

C. O Christ, Who are perfect, Who loves Your humanity, to You we commend our life and all our expectations and hopes. For You are the Bread of Heaven, the Life of the world; You are in all places and endure all things. You are the Treasury of infinite goodness and the Source of endless compassion.

A. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*If so desired, the Prayer of Peace can be spoken together.*

C. Teach us, O Lord, to recognize the life that is within us and in all the peoples of the earth as Your own life, which animates all things. Lead humanity to an understanding of Your laws, and may peace and good will reign on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The lid of the oil is removed.*

### **EXORCISM**

*The Celebrant stands. The sign of the cross is made with the full hand, palm down horizontally over the surface of the oil.*

- C. In the Name of God we ask that You, Almighty God, exorcise all influences of evil, that they may be banished from this oil, which we fervently wish to dedicate to Your service, in the power of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- A. Amen.

### **BLESSING OF THE OIL FOR THE SICK**

- C. In the Name of our Lord Christ and invoking the holy Archangel Raphael, we ask that this oil is + blessed for the healing of the sick; may the blessing of the Great Physician rest upon it, that it may bring refreshment and peace to body and soul.
- A. Amen.

*The lid is placed on the container with the blessed oil.*

*The oil is put to the side.*

### **BLESSING WHEN NOT A PRIEST**

- C. The ✠ grace of our Lord Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.
- A. Amen.

*After the service the oil may be put in a glass container and/ or in the chrismatorium.*

## **8. PRAYERS FOR THE BLESSING OF OIL OF THE CATECHEMENS**

*Needed is a small table with a linen cloth for the blessing of the oil. At least one candle is lit for the collaboration with the Angels.*

*C. means Celebrant. A. means all.*

### **INVOCATION**

*All stand.*

C. In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

### **CONFITEOR**

*All kneel or sit.*

A. O Lord, You created humankind for immortality and made us an image of Your own eternity, yet often we forget the splendor of our legacy and stray from the path that leads to righteousness. But You, O Lord, have created in us the pursuit of the glory in which You stand, and our heart is restless until it finds its peace in You. Look with lovingkindness upon our many imperfections and forgive us all our faults, so that we, filled with the splendor of eternal light, may become a spotless mirror of Your power and the image of Your lovingkindness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **ABSOLUTION WHEN NOT BEING A PRIEST**

*All kneel or sit.*

C. May the Lord bless us and grant us ✠ absolution from all our sins, ignorance and selfishness, and may His peace rest upon us now and forever.

A. Thanks be to the Lord.

C. Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit.*

C. Christ, we open our hearts and minds to Your radiant Light and pray that love and power may manifest themselves in us. May we be worthy workers in the fulfillment of Your plan; never be deaf to Your voice; never be blind to the needs of the world, and may we be instruments for You and bring blessing and help wherever we go. To the praise and glory of Your Name.

A. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*If so desired, the Prayer of Peace can be spoken together.*

C. Teach us, O Lord, to recognize the life that is within us and in all the peoples of the earth as Your own life, which animates all things. Lead humanity to an understanding of Your laws, and may peace and good will reign on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The lid is of the oil is removed.*

## **EXORCISM**

*The Celebrant stands. The sign of the cross is made with the full hand, palm down horizontally over the surface of the oil.*

C. In the Name of God we ask that You, Almighty God, exorcise all influences of evil, that they may be banished from this oil, which we fervently wish to dedicate to Your service, in the power of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS**

C. In the Name of our Lord Christ we ask that this oil is + blessed and + sanctified, that it may serve to purify and protect those who receive the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

A. Amen

*The lid is placed on the container with the blessed oil.*

## **BLESSING WHEN NOT A PRIEST**

C. The ✠ grace of our Lord Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*After the service the oil may be put in a glass container and/ or in the chrismatorium.*

## 9. PRAYERS FOR THE BLESSING OF HOLY CHRISM FOR A BAPTISM

*Since Holy Chrism is used in Baptism according to the Liberal Catholic Church, prayers for the blessing of Holy Chrism for a Baptism are included.*

*Needed is a small table with a linen cloth for the blessing of the balm and oil. At least one candle is lit for the collaboration with the Angels.*

*C. means Celebrant. A. means all.*

### INVOCATION

*All stand.*

C. In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

### CONFITEOR

*All kneel or sit.*

A. O Lord, You created humankind for immortality and made us an image of Your own eternity, yet often we forget the splendor of our legacy and stray from the path that leads to righteousness. But You, O Lord, have created in us the pursuit of the glory in which You stand, and our heart is restless until it finds its peace in You. Look with lovingkindness upon our many imperfections and forgive us all our faults, so that we, filled with the splendor of eternal light, may become a spotless mirror of Your power and the image of Your lovingkindness. Through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION WHEN NOT BEING A PRIEST

*All kneel or sit.*

C. May the Lord bless us and grant us ✠ absolution from all our sins, ignorance and selfishness, and may His peace rest upon us now and forever.

A. Thanks be to the Lord.

C. Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit.*

C. Almighty God, what no eye has seen You have prepared for all who love You. Fill our hearts with the glow of Your love, so that we may love You in all things and above all, and Your promises may thereby be fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

*If so desired, the Prayer of Peace can be spoken together.*

L. Teach us, O Lord, to recognize the life that is within us and in all the peoples of the earth as Your own life, which animates all things. Lead humanity to an understanding of Your laws, and may peace and good will reign on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

*The oil and powdered incense in another vessel with a spoon and a coaster under the spoon are placed on the small table with the linen cloth. The lid of the oil is removed.*

## **EXORCISM**

*The Celebrant stands. The sign of the cross is made with the full hand, palm down horizontally over the surface of the oil.*

C. In the Name of God we ask that You, Almighty God, exorcise all influences of evil, that they may be banished from this oil and this balm, which we fervently wish to dedicate to Your service, in the power of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING OF THE BALM**

C. . In the Name of our Lord Christ we ask that this balm be + blessed and + sanctified, so that all that is touched by it may shine with the purity of Him, before whose radiance the Angels cover their faces.

A. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING OF THE OIL**

C. In the Name of our Lord Christ we ask that this oil be + blessed and + sanctified which is designated for the preparation of Holy Chrism for a Baptism, so that it may grant to those who shall receive it the fullness of spiritual strength.

A. Amen.

*While being seated, the balm and oil are now mixed and stirred with a spoon into an emulsion.*

*C. stand, with hands folded with the palms together in front of the chest*

C. Let us pray.

*All others kneel.*

*Only at the sign of the cross will the hands of the celebrant be parted.*

C. O Lord Christ, Source of all goodness, Who pours out Your gifts in abundance over humanity and sanctifies and sets apart these earthly things as a vehicle for Your miraculous power for their strengthening, we ask you to pour out Your + blessing over this Holy Chrism for a Baptism, so that all persons who will be signed with it may receive the fullness of spiritual consecration. We ask that Your heavenly blessing descend upon those who will be marked by this Chrism at a Baptism with the sign of Your holy service, so that they, guarding their spiritual inheritance well, may spread the fragrance of a devout life around them, O You, great Shepherd and Ruler of the souls, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

A. Amen

*The Holy Chrism is covered with a lid and set aside.*

## **BLESSING WHEN NOT A PRIEST**

C. The ✠ grace of our Lord Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*After the service the oil may be put in a glass container and/ or in the chrismatorium.*

## **10. CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY OILS ACCORDING TO THE LITURGY OF THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A CHURCH OR CHAPEL**

Lastly, the liturgy is given for the consecration of the Holy Oils in a church or chapel where several people are present.

The consecration of Holy Oils takes place during Holy Mass on the morning of Maundy Thursday.

*Bp. means Bishop. A. means all others present.*

*The oils for the Holy Oils, each covered with a lid, and the vessel with the balm and a spoon with a coaster under it are brought in before the Offertory to an extra table with a white linen cloth on the Gospel side of the church or chapel.*

*The moment of consecration of the Holy Oils is after the Adeste Fideles and procession with the Blessed Sacrament. After the procession, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed again.*

*The Bishop (Bp) is then assisted in changing into the choir robe (white).*

*Before the Bp sits down, she/he says the following, mitre on and crozier in hand, standing before the extra table (Gospel side) on which the oils and balm are placed.*

### **INVOCATION**

Bp. In the Name of the Father and of the ✠Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

*All lids from the oils are removed*

*Bp, standing, mitre on and crozier in hand, exorcises all oils and balm as follows:*

### **EXORCISM**

Bp. In the Name of God, I exorcise all influences of evil, that they may be banished from this oil and balm, which we shall dedicate to His service, in the power of the + Father and of the + Son and of the + Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

*Oil for the sick remains in place; other oils are covered with lids, and they and the balm are removed from immediate reach (for example, the credence table, or the vestry).*

*During the waiting period, the Bishop sits with mitre on and the crozier is in the hand of the crozier bearer, who stands directly next to the bishop. When all are returned to their places the Bishop commences:*

### **THE CONSECRATION OF THE OIL FOR THE SICK**

*Bp stands up, receives the crozier (the crozier bearer takes a step back), and consecrates this oil as follows:*

Bp. In the Name of our Lord Christ and invoking the holy Archangel Raphael, I + consecrate and + sanctify this oil for the healing of the sick; may the blessing of the Great Physician rest upon it, that it may bring refreshment and peace to body and soul.

A. Amen.

*The oil for the sick is covered and carried in procession to the vestry.*

*Bp sits. Crozier in the hands of the crozier bearer.*

*The oil to be consecrated for the Catechumen is brought. The lid is removed.*

## **THE CONSECRATION OF THE OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS**

*Bp stands up, receives the crozier (the crozier bearer takes a step back), and consecrates this oil as follows:*

Bp. In the Name of our Lord Christ I + consecrate and + sanctify this oil, that it may serve to purify and protect those who receive the Holy Sacrament of Baptism or Priestly Ordination.

A. Amen.

*The consecrated oil is covered with a lid and is now brought in procession to the sacristy.*

*Bp is seated. Crozier in the hands of the crozier bearer.*

*The oil to be consecrated for the Holy Chrism plus the balm with spoon and a coaster under it are brought.*

## **THE CONSECRATING OF THE HOLY CHRISM**

*Bp stands up, receives the crozier (crozier bearer takes a step back) and consecrates the balm and oil respectively as follows:*

### **THE CONSECRATING OF THE BALSAM**

Bp. In the Name of our Lord Christ I + consecrate and + sanctify this balm, so that all that is touched by it may shine with the purity of Him, before whose radiance the Angels cover their faces.

A. Amen.

### **THE CONSECRATION OF THE OIL**

Bp. In the Name of our Lord Christ I + consecrate and + sanctify this oil, which is now designated for the preparation of Holy Chrism, so that it may grant the fullness of spiritual strength to those who shall receive it.

A. Amen.

*The crozier goes to the crozier-bearer, who stands right next to the bishop.*

*The bishop sits. The balm and oil are now mixed and stirred into an emulsion with a spoon.*

*The Bishop stands and continues, stretching both hands over it:*

Bp. Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*The crozier is handed to the Bishop for the sign of the cross.*

Bp. O Lord Christ! Source of all goodness, Who pours out Your gifts in abundance over humanity and sanctifies and sets apart these earthly things as a vehicle for Your wondrous power for their strengthening, we pray You, pour out Your + blessing over this Holy Chrism, so that all persons or objects who shall be anointed with it may receive the fullness of spiritual consecration. Let Your heavenly blessing descend upon those who shall be marked by this Chrism with the sign of Your holy service, so that they, guarding their spiritual inheritance well, may spread the fragrance of a godly life around them, O You, great Shepherd and Ruler of the souls of humanity, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

A. Amen.

*The Bishop now breathes three times in the form of a cross over the Holy Chrism.*

*Afterwards, the priests present take turns breathing a cross over the Holy Chrism three times in the same manner.*

*The Holy Chrism is covered with a lid and is then brought in procession to the vestry.*

*Change into chasuble. Use of mitre and crozier as usual.*

*The Bishop proceeds to celebrate Holy Mass.*

*After the Ite Missa Est and responsory has been sung and before the Final Blessing of the Holy Mass, the address follows.*

## **ADDRESS**

*Bishop's chair before the altar. The Bishop takes his seat with his mitre on. The crozier bearer holds the crozier and stands directly beside the Bishop.*

*Priests kneel on the lowest altar step before the Bishop.*

Bp. Beloved daughters/sons, I earnestly urge you to faithfully guard the Holy Chrism and the Holy Oils and to guard against using them in any way other than in accordance with the custom of our Church.

*This is followed by the Final Blessing of the Holy Mass as usual.*