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RITUAL MASSES FOR THE CONSECRATION OF VIRGINS

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The Ritual Mass may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

The prayers should be adapted, with the necessary changes to the singular, if only one virgin is to be consecrated.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105 (104); 4-5

Turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
Remember the wonders he has done (E.T. alleluia).

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord, to these your servants,
in whom you have instilled a resolve to live in virginity,
that the work you have begun in them
may be brought to fulfillment
and that they may be found worthy
to complete what they now begin,
so as to bring you a full and perfect offering.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, forever and ever.

The creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer sacrificial gifts, we pray, O Lord,
grant generously to these your servants
perseverance I the resolve they have made their own,
so that, when the doors are opened
at the coming of the most high King,
they may merit to enter with joy into the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of Religious Life (pp. 1210-1212) may be said.

The commemoration of the consecrated virgins in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of the Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
and of these your servants,
which we make to you on the day of their consecration;
sanctify this offering in your mercy,
so that they who by your gift
have today united themselves more closely to your Son
may hasten gladly to meet him
when He comes in glory at the end of time.
(Through Christ our Lord Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Be mindful also, Lord, of these sisters,
whom you have consecrated today by a spiritual anointing
so that, with lighted lamps of charity and faith,
they may constantly serve you and your people
as they await the advent of Christ the Bridegroom.
Remember also our brothers and sisters...

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words, the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Strengthen in their holy resolve, O Lord,
these your servants,
who seek to follow your Christ in faithful devotion,
giving a witness of evangelical life
and of sisterly love.
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family...

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercessions, after the words to the praise of your glory, mention of the consecrated may be inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer this sacrifice:
especially your servant N. our Pope

and N. our Bishop,
with the whole Order of Bishops,
and all the clergy.
Be mindful also of these sisters,
whom you have dedicated today in perpetuity
to divine worship and the service of humanity,
those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
your entire people ,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.
Remember also
those whom **om have died in the peace of your Christ...**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 42 (41):2

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you, my God (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by these sacred gifts, O Lord,
We humbly pray
that the way of life chosen by your servants N. and N.
may constantly benefit the advancement of human society
and unceasingly profit the growth of the Church.
Through Christ Our Lord.