**RITUAL OF OPUS SANCTORUM ANGELORUM**

**“Work of the Holy Angels”**

**Promise, Consecration and Dedication to the Guardian Angel**

***for delegated Priests***

***in the Work of the Holy Angels***

*The prayer of Consecration to the Guardian Angel requires full validity only when recited before a Priest authorized to administer the Consecration. Normally, this takes place during a solemn devotion before the Blessed Sacrament. It is required to receive the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE before making the Consecration to the Guardian Angel.*

*During the devotion, all the Candidates recite the PRAYER OF CONSECRATION together.*

*The BURNING CANDLE which each is holding, IS THE SYMBOL OF THE HOLY ANGEL, for the Angel is light.*

*As an external sign of volition he who intends to make the CONSECRATION should transcribe the prayer in his own handwriting on a sheet of paper bearing his name, address and signature, as well as the place and date of his Consecration.*

**Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, come**

**From Your bright Heavenly Throne,**

**Come take possession of our souls**

**And make them all Your own.**

**You Who are called the Paraclete,**

**Best Gift of God above,**

**The Living Spring, the Living Fire,**

**Sweet Unction and True Love.**

**You Who are sevenfold in Your grace,**

**Finger of God’s Right Hand;**

**His Promise teaching little ones**

**To speak and understand.**

**Guide our minds with Your Blessed Light,**

**With Love our hearts inflame,**

**And with Your Strength which ne’er decays**

**Confirm our mortal frame**

**Far from us drive our deadly foe,**

**True peace unto us bring,**

**And through all perils lead us safe**

**Beneath Your Sacred Wing.**

**Through You may we the Father know,**

**Through You the Eternal Son,**

**And You the Spirit of Them Both**

**Thrice-Blessed Three in One.**

**All Glory to the Father be**

**With His Co-Equal Son!**

**The same to You, great Paraclete,**

**While endless ages run.**

**Amen.**

Priest:

Lord and GOD, in the knowledge of our own misery and unworthiness and only relying on the intercession of our Heavenly Mother MARY, our Holy Guardian Angel and all the Angels and Saints, we come to You and humbly ask that You not to remember our sins. **Amen**

Priest: Thus speaks the Lord GOD: “Behold, I send an Angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Heed him and hearken to his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgressions: for My Name is in him!” (Ex 23,20)

**Candidate(s):**

**I confess to Almighty GOD, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; and I ask Blessed MARY, ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our GOD.**

Priest:

May Almighty GOD have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting Life. **Amen.**

**PROMISE TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,**

**LORD GOD OF HOSTS,**

**HEAVEN AND EARTH**

**ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.**

**Kneeling before Your MAJESTY,**

**we thank You, O GOD,**

**that You have given each of us**

**a heavenly companion**

**to be at our side, one who**

**leads us according to Your Will,**

**directs us to Your Glory in Your paths,**

**and manifests to us Your Love.**

**Here before Your Eyes,**

**we promise We resolve here in Your Presence to love our Holy Companion**

**as a brother, and heed him to obey him**

**when he speaks to us**

**in through the voice of conscience.**

**He shall will surely lead us to Heaven.**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR,**

**take my hand and place it**

**in the hand of my Guardian Angel and make**

**the sign of our Redemption over it,**

**Your blessing for our salvation.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER**

**AND OF THE SON**

**AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

Priest:

Most Holy Virgin MARY and Mother of GOD!

You are the Queen and Mistress of all the Angels, and therefore, also of our Guardian Angels.

Here before our Lord and GOD, before all the Angels and Saints, we wish to give our Holy Guardian Angels full authority over us and solemnly unite ourselves to them.

From Your hands and heart they draw for us the Light and Grace which we need along the path of life.

Here before our Lord and God, before Your Throne and in the presence of all the Angels and Saints we wish to acknowledge commit ourselves entirely to our Guardian Angels and promise them our love and faithful cooperation and to unite ourselves closely to him. **Amen.** (ww)

**CONSECRATION TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL**

*The CONSECRATION is now recited, kneeling and holding a burning candle.*

**Holy Guardian Angel!,**

**You who have been given to me from the beginning of my life as my Guardian and Companion.**

**I, poor sinner, N….., desire to consecrate myself to you today before the Eyes of my Lord and GOD, my heavenly Mother, MARY, and all the Angles and Saints.**

**I wish to take your hand and never let it go and to unite myself closely to you forever.**

**Here in your hand, in this union I promise to be always loyal and obedient to my Lord and GOD and to our Holy Mother the Church.**

**Here in your hand I promise to always acknowledge MARY as my Mistress, Queen and Mother, and to imitate Her way of Life.**

**Here in your hand I also promise to acknowledge you, as my Holy Guardian, and to promote, as much as lies in my power, the veneration of the Holy Angels as the protection and the help which is given to us in a very special way in these days of spiritual combat for the Kingdom of GOD.**

**I beg you, Holy Angel of GOD, for the full strength of Love, obtain for me a love so strong that I may be inflamed by it; for the full strength of Faith, a Faith so firm that I may never fall or falter.**

**I beg you for your hand in defense against the evil foe.**

**I beg you to assist me against the assaults of the enemy.**

**I beg you for the Grace of MARY’s humility, so that I may escape all dangers and, guided by you, may reach the gates of our Heavenly Home. Amen.**

Priest:

Lord, Almighty GOD, may the gift of our Consecration and the intercession of our Holy Guardian Angels be pleasing in Your sight. May those whom we venerate on earth be our advocates with You in Heaven. Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST Your SON, Who with You and the HOLY SPIRIT Lives and Reigns one GOD, forever and ever. **Amen.**

V. Confirm, O Lord, what You have wrought in us.

**R. From Your holy temple, which is in Jerusalem. Who put their trust in You, my GOD.**

V. Save Your servants and Your handmaids,

**R. Who put their trust in You, my GOD.**

V. Send Your aid, O Lord, from on high,

**R. And from Sion watch over us.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

**R. And let my cry come unto to You.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit. And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in a wonderful way have established the ministry of Angels and of men, mercifully grant that Your Holy Angels who are ever serving You in Heaven, may also be our protectors here on earth.

Through CHRIST our Lord. **Amen.**

**MAGNIFICAT**

My soul magnifies glorifies the Lord,\*

**And my spirit has rejoiced rejoices in GOD my Savior,**

For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid.\*

**Behold, henceforth all generations will call Me Blessed,**

For He Who is Mighty has done great things to Me,\*

**And Holy is His Name.**

And His Mercy is from generation to generation\*

**On those who fear Him.**

He has shown strength with His Arm,\*

**He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.**

He has put down the mighty from their thrones,\*

**And has exalted the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,\*

**And the rich He has sent away empty.**

He has upheld Israel His servant,\*

**Mindful of His Mercy,**

As He spoke to our fathers,\*

**To Abraham and to his seed forever.**

Glory be to the FATHER and to the SON, and to the HOLY SPIRIT**.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord, mercifully send us Your Holy Angel. May he, who is always in Your presence, as our faith teaches us, bring our prayers before You so that You may bless them. Receive them graciously through the intercession of the Holy Angels and may they obtain for us salvation. Through CHRIST our Lord**. Amen.**

**LITANY OF THE HOLY ANGELS**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

CHRIST have mercy. **CHRIST have mercy**.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

CHRIST hear us. **CHRIST graciously hear us**.

GOD the FATHER, Creator of the Angels, **have mercy on us.**

GOD the SON, Lord of the Angels,

GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, Life of the Angels,

Holy TRINITY, delight of all Angels,

Holy MARY, **pray for us**

Queen of Angels,

All you Holy Choirs of blessed Spirits, All you Choirs of Angels,

Holy Seraphim, Angels of Love,

Holy Cherubim, Angels of the Word,

Holy Thrones, Angels of Life,

Holy Angels of Adoration,

Holy Dominations,

Holy Powers,

Holy Principalities,

Holy Virtues,

Holy Archangel Michael, **pray for us**

Conqueror of Lucifer,

Angel of Faith and humility,

Guardian of the Anointing of the Sick,

Patron of the dying,

Prince of heavenly hosts,

Guide of souls to the Judgment Seat of GOD,

Holy Archangel Gabriel, **pray for us**

Angel of the Incarnation,

Faithful messenger of GOD,

Angel of Hope and of Peace,

Protector of all servants and handmaids of GOD,

Guardian of Baptism,

Patron of priests,

Holy Archangel Raphael, **pray for us**

Angel of Divine Love,

Vanquisher of the evil foe, Conqueror of the hellish fiend,

Helper in great distress,

Angel of suffering and of healing,

Patron of doctors physicians, wanderers and travelers,

All Holy Archangels, **pray for us**

Angels of service before the Throne of GOD,

Angels of service for mankind,

Holy Guardian Angels,

Helpers in all our needs,

Light in all darkness,

Support in all danger,

Admonishers in our conscience, Advisers of all consciences,

Intercessors before the Throne of GOD,

Shield of defense against the wicked foe, evil spirits,

Our constant companions, **pray for us**

Our safest guides,

Our truest friends,

Our wisest counselors,

Our models of prompt obedience,

Comforters in abandonment,

Mirrors of humility and sincerity,

Angels of our families,

Angels of our priests and pastors,

Angels of our children,

Angels of our home and country,

Angels of Holy Mother the Church, Holy Church

All you Holy Angels, **pray for us**

During life, **assist us.**

At death, In death, **assist us.**

In Heaven, **we shall be grateful to you.**

Lamb of GOD, Who take away the sins of the world, **spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of GOD, Who take away the sins of the world **graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of GOD, Who take away the sins of the world **Have mercy on us.**

CHRIST, hear us, **CHRIST graciously hear us.**

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us**.

P. GOD has given His Angels charge over you,

**A. To guard you in all your ways.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty, Eternal GOD, grant us the help of Your heavenly hosts, so that we may be preserved from the terrible assaults of the enemy evil one, and through by the Precious Blood of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the intercession of the Most Blessed and Immaculate Virgin MARY may we be freed so that free from all adversity so as to we may serve You again in peace. 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. Through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**TE DEUM**

We praise you, O GOD; / **We acclaim You Lord and Master.**

Everlasting FATHER, / **All the world bows down before You**.

All the Angels sing Your praise, / **The hosts of Heaven and all the angelic powers;**

All the Cherubim and Seraphim / **Call out to You in unending chorus:**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, / **Is the Lord GOD of Angel Hosts!**

The heavens and the earth are filled, Lord, / **With Your Majesty and Glory.**

Your praises are sung / **by the renowned Apostles;**

By all the prophets / **who themselves deserve our praise;**

By that mighty white-robed army / **Who shed their blood for CHRIST**.

And to the ends of the earth / **The Holy Church proclaims her faith in You:**

FATHER, / **Whose Majesty is boundless**;

Your only SON, Who is true GOD, / **and Who is to be adored;**

The HOLY SPIRIT, / **sent to be our Advocate**. /

O CHRIST, King of Glory! / **You alone are the FATHER’s Eternal SON.**

When You were to become man**, / so as to save mankind.**

You did not shrink back / **from the chaste Virgin’s Womb.**

When You triumphantly / **destroyed death’s sting** /

You opened up to believers **/ the Kingdom of Heaven.**

You are now enthroned at GOD’s right Hand, / **in the FATHER’s Glory.**

We believe that You / **will come for judgment**.

We therefore implore You / **to grant Your servants Grace and aid,**

For You shed Your Precious Blood / **for their redemption**

Admit them all / **to the ranks of Your Saints in everlasting glory.**

V. Be the Savior of Your faithful people, Lord.

**R. Grant them Your blessing, for they belong to You.**

V. Be their Shepherd, Lord;

**R. Uphold and exalt them forever and ever.**

V. Day by day we praise You, daily we acclaim You;

**R. We will confess and glorify your Holy Name, now and forever for all eternity.**

V. In Your mercy, Lord, keep us free from sin throughout this day.

**R. Have mercy on us, we humbly pray: Lord, have mercy on us.**

V. May your mercy, Lord, You loving kindness always remain with us,

**R. For we have placed our trust confidence in You**.

**DIVINE PRAISES**

Blessed be GOD.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be JESUS CHRIST, true GOD and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of JESUS.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be JESUS in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the HOLY SPIRIT the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of GOD, MARY most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of MARY, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, Her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be GOD in His Angels and in His Saints.

**HYMNS**

Hail! Holy Queen enthroned above, O MARIA!

Hail! Mother of Mercy and of Love, O MARIA!

Triumph, all ye Cherubim! Sing with us, ye Seraphim!

Heav’n and earth resound the hymn: **Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.**

Our life, our sweetness here below, O MARIA!

Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O MARIA! (refrain)

Turn, then, most gracious advocate, O MARIA!

Tow’rds us thine eyes compassionate, O MARIA! (refrain)

Holy GOD, we praise Thy Name! Lord of all, we bow before Thee!

All on earth Thy scepter claim; All in Heaven above adore Thee!

Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign. (repeat)

Hark! The loud celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising!

Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. (repeat)

Holy FATHER, Holy SON, Holy SPIRIT, Three we name Thee,

While in essence only One, Undivided GOD we claim Thee,

And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery. (repeat)

**ACT OF DEDICATION**

**Eternal High Priest of the Holy Church and of all men,**

**Eternally begotten of the FATHER,**

**Breathing the SPIRIT from eternity to eternity.**

**You are the Lord of Heaven and earth.**

**All creatures are Yours, Angels and men and all of nature.**

**Your created Angels before men;**

**You will come with Your Angels to judge all men.**

**Give these, Your powerful spirits to us as friends and helpers:**

**That they may be our light in these days of darkness;**

**That they may be our deliverers from the snares of the evil one.**

**Let us hold fast to their hand, and let their strength be our strength.**

**Through Your Angles and in Your sight, let these words be a dedication to You,**

**O Lord, of all that we have and are.**

**Our union with the Angels leads us to a stronger union with You,**

**Because the strength of Your Angel strengthens our hands which embrace You.**

**Let these words be written in Your Heart, heavenly FATHER, as a dedication of the world (the diocese, the parish, the family) to You through Your Angels.**

**Let these words be written on Your pierced Hands, Lord JESUS CHRIST, as a witness to this dedication.**

**Breathe, HOLY SPIRIT, Your spirit of re-creation over these words, as words of the Church which You lead and guide.**

**And You, Most HOLY TRINITY, through the prayers of MARY, Queen of all Angels, shower the grace of Your blessing upon this dedication. Amen.**

Priestly blessing.

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Name of the Priest making the Consecration

The Place of the Consecration

The date of the Consecration.

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