

Day 28

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE

CONFIRMATION



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Bethany – Church of St. Lazarus:

Solemn Mass presided by the Custos of the Holy Land with the blessing of the oils.

From the Homily of Latin Patriarch, Pizzaballa at the 2015 Chrism Mass in the Holy Land

And it is really the oil, together with the water, that makes the liturgy splendid, which we are celebrating here in communion with the entire pilgrim Church worldwide: it's an oil that soothes our infirmities, gives strength to our witness, and, mixed with fragrance, makes the life of the Church beautiful. It is the gift of God; it is the fragrance of Christ; it is the oil of the Spirit that is given to us. And like water, oil is also made to be poured on the wounds and needs of humanity, as in the account of the Good Samaritan, as in Bethany, and as here, in the burial of Christ. And so the water, poured on the disciples' feet, becomes the oil of witness and service for the life of the world. Baptism and Confirmation, Baptism and Ordination, Water and Spirit, Faith and Charity always go together. And so this liturgy, which may seem a little peculiar, calls us to a profound truth and educates us to the true Christian style. It is not enough to be with Christ in the Upper Room if we are not for the people in the world, and we cannot be truly men for others if we are not with Christ in God. The oils that we will soon bless send us into the world so that the anointing of the Holy One may consecrate the whole of humanity and make it a "perpetual sacrifice pleasing to God" for the salvation of the world



HIPPOLYTUS

"The bishop, imposing his hand on them, shall make an invocation, saying, 'O Lord God, who made them worthy of the remission of sins through the Holy Spirit's washing unto rebirth, send into them your grace so that they may serve you according to your will, for there is glory to you, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church, both now and through the ages of ages. Amen.'

Then, pouring the consecrated oil into his hand and imposing it on the head of the baptized, he shall say, 'I anoint you with holy oil in the Lord, the Father Almighty, and Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.' Signing them on the forehead, he shall kiss them and say, 'The Lord be with you.' He that has been signed shall say, 'And with your spirit.' Thus shall he do to each".

(The Apostolic Tradition 21–22 [A.D. 215]).

COUNCIL OF LAODICEA

"[T]hose who have been illuminated are, after baptism, to be anointed with celestial chrism and thus become partakers in the kingdom of Christ".

(Canon 48 [A.D. 360]).



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