THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

Invitation before the Litany (for a Bishop)

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CHAPTER I

The Litany of Supplication

41. Then the Bishops put aside their miters, and all rise. The principal ordaining Bishop standing, with hands joined, faces the people and invites them to pray:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, that the loving kindness of almighty God, providing for the welfare of the Church, will grant to this chosen one an abundance of his grace.

42. Then the Bishop-elect prostrates himself and the Litany is sung, with all responding. On Sundays and during Easter Time, all others remain standing; on other days, however, they kneel. In this case the Deacon says:

Let us kneel.

The cantors begin the Litany (for the chant, cf. Appendix I). In the Litany, there may be added, at the proper place, the names of other Saints, e.g., a Patron Saint, the Titular of the church, the Founder of the church, the Patron Saint of the one who will be ordained, or other invocations more suitable to the particular circumstances.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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