

Fr. Perozich comments —

I see so much confusion in the church today, that it seems as if Catholics have lost their way, their purpose, their mission. So much talk in worldly ways of administration and structure such as synodality in order to effect changes, accompaniment of those in the grip of sexual sin not to free them but seemingly to support them in their obsession, climate, race, vax, socialism, immigration, man - made rights, equality, justice, and fairness. When Jesus' mission of freedom from sin is lost, Satan gains ground and power over people in the world.

The devil is real.

Satan hates all mankind.

The devil has the power to obsess, vex, influence, and to possess human beings, and to infest places.

Jesus is infinitely more powerful than the devil, and Jesus came to free us from Satan's power.

One must remain with Jesus in prayer, Holy Mass, the sacraments, and one must forgive those who do us harm if the power to cast out demons is to be effective in our lives.

Daily consecration to Mary is essential also.

A man either is with Jesus or with the devil according to Fr. Amorth's understanding of Jesus' words in the Bible.

Without forgiving the offenses of others, exorcism is useless says Fr. Armorth.

My personal prayer for those who seem to me to be far from God is: "God, frustrate their evil designs and convert their hearts to you and convert mine."

Using sacramentals according to one's state in the church is important: blessed salt, blessed oil (not the oil of the sick that priests use for the Sacrament of Anointing), and blessed water.

Calling on the Holy Spirit is essential in the fight against evil.

Priests need to speak of the devil to make people aware of Satan's work against God and against His creation: man.

Only an appointed exorcist does an exorcism.

Priests pray a prayer of exorcism at a baptism, and during the sacrament of Penance the Holy Spirit is invoked for the forgiveness of sin.

FOR US PRIESTS: After the end of article are prayers for us to bless sacramentals.

The Devil Is Afraid Of Me

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“The Devil is Real”: Insights on Spiritual Warfare from Fr. Gabriele Amorth

Fr. Gabriele Amorth was the most well-known exorcist of our time, dedicating decades of his life to minister to countless people. Along with his ministry as an Exorcist, Fr. Amorth offered his insights through numerous interviews and books. The following are selections from Fr. Amorth’s interviews, which are collected in the book *The Devil is Afraid of Me: The Life and Work of the World’s Most Popular Exorcist*. They address the reality of the Devil and the promise of defeating evil through the grace of Christ.

Questions and Answers with Fr. Amorth

They say that one should not speak so much of the devil. Is the devil spoken of too much?

Pope Francis spoke of the devil in his first ten discourses, and he speaks of him often. Furthermore, he has consecrated the Vatican to St. Michael the Archangel, in order to defend it from the Evil One. But, apart from this, **the devil is not spoken of too much; it is necessary to do so more. All priests should speak of him continually.**

So many, even in the Church, do not believe in the action of the devil? Why is this?

This is so. They do not believe in the existence of the devil or in his actions. But I insist on an extremely strong phrase spoken by Jesus Christ: “Who is not with me is against me” (see Matt. 12:30). Since Satan is against Him, it is as if He is saying: “Who is not with me is with Satan.” **There are no half measures. Either one is with Jesus, or one is with Satan.** Even if one believes a little in the devil and does not believe in the words of Jesus, one is with the devil. Scripture, especially the Gospels, and the Fathers of the Church speak repeatedly of the devil and of his action in the world.

Why does the devil still rage in the world, since the world has been consecrated to Our Lady, who has asked the people to fulfill the practice of the first Saturdays of five consecutive months?

The world is under the action of the devil because the world is far from God: the people do not confess their sins, they do not go to church, and they do not believe. Few put into practice these devotional acts; they are a minority. This explains why the devil tramples man in the world.

Several persons complain of being victims of curses and of not being able to liberate themselves from the effects of the spell that these produce in their lives. Can there be curses, then, that are not concretized in possessions?

A curse always becomes a vexation, and exorcisms are done even if there is only a vexation, which is an evil influence. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: an exorcism is done even when there is no possession.

But some exorcists, if they do not see that there is possession, do nothing.

They are mistaken. **If there is a vexation, that is, an evil influence, the *Catechism* says that an exorcism should be done.**

Can the demons manifest themselves in dreams?

Rarely, but it is possible. One recognizes it from the fear that it causes the person. But if one invokes the name of Jesus or Mary, it goes away.

And when someone has been subjected to a spell, other than following a correct sacramental life and getting exorcisms or prayers of liberation, what else can he do?

Heartfelt forgiveness toward the one who did this evil is the basic requirement. If there is no heartfelt forgiveness and one is subjected to exorcisms, God does not liberate. At times, I am made to understand that the exorcisms on a particular person are not having any effect, and I ask this person: “Have you forgiven the one who did this evil to you?” “No.” And then enough with the exorcisms. One

must at least make an effort to pardon the one who has done evil to us.

Forgiveness also occurs through the action of the Holy Spirit — that is, through the love of God, who alone can cure hearts. Therefore, one should invoke the Holy Spirit.

You often speak of the importance of consecrating oneself to Our Lady, the Virgin Mary. Do you renew your consecration in your daily prayers?

Yes, I do it daily. It is not an obligation; the important thing is to put one's life and all one's actions under the protective mantle of the Virgin Mary, entrusting oneself to her, trusting in what the Lord sends us. She said: "Let it be done unto me according to your word."

Could you say something about the use of sacramentals in exorcisms? I am referring to water, oil, and blessed salt.

Some sacramentals, such as the imposition of hands and blessed oil and salt, have always been used during exorcisms, unlike blessed water, which entered into use more recently. It is important to emphasize that these three sacramentals act like all sacramentals, according to the power of faith. Whereas the sacraments act *ipso facto*, sacramentals are efficacious solely if used for and with faith. For this reason, it is important that the faithful know how to use the sacramentals correctly. It makes no sense to keep large quantities of blessed water, salt, and blessed oil if one does not have faith.

Each sacramental has its own characteristics. The prayer in Latin clarifies their meaning. These three sacramentals are used to liberate us from the influence of the demon. The blessed salt, for example, gives special protection

to places. Father Candido recommended putting a little bit of blessed salt in a room that is considered infested.

The **blessed oil has the power to cure ills and chase demons**. During an exorcism, I use the first Ritual, which includes the possibility of anointing the possessed with oil. **I anoint the five senses: the forehead, eyes, nostrils, throat, mouth and ears, tracing on the possessed the Sign of the Cross. I repeat, a gesture must be done with faith in order to be effective.** Two Russian saints — whose names I do not recall — chased demons by anointing [the afflicted] with blessed oil. They were not exorcists. They did not use the Ritual. But they were saints; they prayed, and they chased the demons.

Blessed **water** is used for blessing places and persons. One can also drink blessed water, but with faith, taking little sips. **Some of the principal effects are liberation from the snares of the Evil One and protection from him.** Also, for us exorcists, it is worth recalling Christ's announcement: "Those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons." Consequently, if a priest has the authority to do exorcisms and to act in the name of the Church, **it is because he has faith.** When I find myself administering an exorcism, **I always ask the Holy Spirit to come to my aid. Without Him, my intervention would be fruitless.**

Have you ever been subjected to a "joke" on the part of the devil?

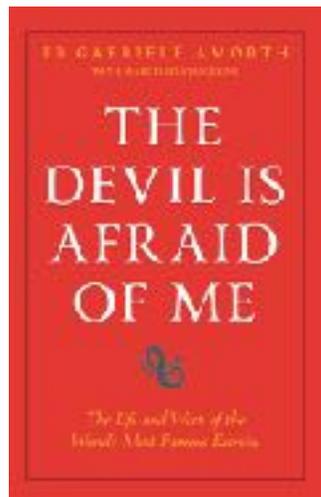
I recall an episode. Once, after much time exorcising a person, the demon began mocking me. He said he would abandon the person on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. That day, for the first and only time, helped by Father Giacobbe, I did an exorcism for five and a half hours. At the end, the possessed seemed to be liberated! There were tears, embraces, and immense satisfaction. I recall

going to my confreres and saying: “We liberated a person from the devil!”

But after a week, we were back where we were before the exorcism. Father Candido said: “It is useless to do long exorcisms. It does not serve any purpose!” I asked the demon why he did not go away on that day, and he responded: “Don’t you know that I am a liar?” I can assure you that I felt humiliated by that demon!

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EXORCISM OF SALT IN ENGLISH (Exorcised Salt is necessary for the Exorcism of Water)

O salt, creature of God, I exorcize you by the living (+) God, by the true (+) God, by the holy (+) God, by the God who ordered you to be poured into the water by Elisha the prophet, so that its life-giving powers might be restored. I exorcize you so that you may become a means of salvation for believers, that you may bring health of soul and body to all who make use of you, and that you may put to flight and drive away from the places where you are sprinkled; every apparition, villainy, turn of devilish deceit,

and every unclean spirit; adjured by him who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore you, in your immeasurable kindness and love, to bless (+) this salt which you created and gave to the use of mankind, so that it may become a source of health for the minds and bodies of all who make use of it. May it rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness, and protect it from every assault of evil spirits. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

EXORCISM OF SALT IN LATIN:

V Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

Deinde absolute incipit exorcismum salis

Exorzio te, creatura salis, per Deum + vivum, per Deum + verum, per Deum + sanctum, per Deum, qui te per Eliseum Prophetam in aquam mitti jussit, ut sanaretur sterilitas aquae: ut efficiaris sal exorcizatum in salutem credentium; et sis ómnibus sumentibus te sanitas animae et córporis; et effugiat, atque discedat a loco, in quo aspersum fueris, omnis phantasia, et nequitia, vel versutia diabólicae fraudis, omnisque spiritus immundus, adjuratus per eum, qui venturus est judicare vivos et mórtuos, et saeculum per ignem. Amen

Oratio:

Oremus. Immensam clementiam tuam, omnipotens aeterne Deus, humiliter imploramus, ut hanc creaturarn salis, quam in usum generis humani tribuisti, bene+dicere et sancti+ficare tua pietate digneris: ut sit ómnibus sumentibus salus mentis et córporis; et quidquid ex eo tactum vel respersum fuerit, careat omni immunditia, omnique impugnatione spiritalis nequitiae. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritu Sancti Deus per omnia secula seculorum. Amen

EXORCISM OF WATER IN ENGLISH

O water, creature of God, I exorcize you in the name of God the Father (+) Almighty, and in the name of Jesus (+) Christ His Son, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy (+) Spirit. I exorcize you so that you may put to flight all the power of the enemy, and be able to root out and supplant that enemy with his apostate angels, through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen.

O God, for the salvation of mankind, you built your greatest mysteries on this substance, water. In your kindness, hear our prayers and pour down the power of your blessing (+) into this element, made ready for many kinds of purifications. May this, your creature, become an agent of divine grace in the service of your mysteries, to drive away evil spirits and dispel sickness, so that everything in the homes and other buildings of the faithful that is sprinkled with this water, may be rid of all uncleanness and freed from every harm. Let no breath of infection and no disease-bearing air remain in these places. May the wiles of the lurking enemy prove of no avail. Let whatever might menace the safety and peace of those who live here be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water, so that the health obtained by calling upon your holy name, may be made secure against all attack. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Pour exorcised salt into the water, in the form of a cross)

May a mixture of salt and water now be made, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, Creator unconquerable, invincible King, Victor ever glorious, you hold in check the forces bent on dominating us. You overcome the cruelty of the raging enemy, and in your power you beat down the wicked foe. Humbly and fearfully do we pray to you, O Lord, and we ask you to look with favor on this salt and water which you created. Shine on it with the light of your kindness. Sanctify it by the dew of your love, so that, through the invocation of your holy name, wherever this water and salt is

sprinkled, it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit, and dispel the terrors of the poisonous serpent. And wherever we may be, make the Holy Spirit present to us, who now implore your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXORCISM OF WATER IN LATIN

Exorcismus aquae: et dicitur absolute:

Exorcizo te, creatura aquae, in nómine Dei + Patris omnipótentis, et in nómine Jesu + Christi Filii ejus Dómini nostri, et in virtute Spiritus + Sancti: ut fias aqua exorcizata ad effugandam omnem potestatem inimici, et ipsum inimicum eradicare et explantare valeas cum angelis suis apostaticis per virtutem ejusdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi: qui venturus est judicare vivos et mórtuos, et saeculum per ignem. Amen

Oratio

Oremus Deus, qui ad salutem humani generis, maxima quaeque sacramenta in aquarum substantia condidisti: adesto propitius invocatióibus nostris, et elemento huic multimodis purificatióibus praeparato, virtutem tuae bene+dictiúnibus infunde: ut creatura tua, mysteriis tuis serviens, ad abigendos daemones, morbósque pellendos, divinae gratiae sumat effectum; ut quidquid in dómibus, vel in locis fidelium, haec unda resperserit, careat omni immunditia, liberetur a noxa: non illic resideat spiritus pestilens, non aura corrumpens: discedant omnes insidiae latentis inimici; et si quid est, quod aut incolumitati habitantium invidet, aut quieti, aspersione hujus aquae effugiat: ut salubritas per invocationem sancti tui nóminis expetita, ab ómnibus sit impugnationibus defensa. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritu Sancti Deus per omnia secula seculorum. Amen

Hic ter mittat sal in aquam in modum crucis, dicendo semel:
Commixtio salis et aquae pariter fiat, in nómine Pa+tris, et Fi+lii,
et Spiritus + Sancti.

R. Amen.

V Dóminus vobiscum.

R.. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oratio:

Oremus. Deus, invictae virtutis auctor, et insuperabilis imperii Rex, ac semper magnificus triumphator: qui adversae dominationis vires reprimis: qui inimici rugientis saevitiam superas: qui hostiles nequitas potenter expugnas: te, Dómine, tremóntes et supplices deprecamur, ac petimus: ut hanc creaturam salis et aquae dignanter aspicias, benignus illustres, pietatis tuae rore sanctifices; ut, ubicumque fuerit aspersa, per invocationem sancti nóminis tui, omnis infestatio immundi spiritus abigatur: terrórque vevenósi serpentis procul pellatur: et praesentia Sancti Spiritus nobis, misericórdiam tuam poscentibus, ubique adesse dignetur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate ejusdem Spiritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculorum.

Amen

EXORCISM BLESSING FOR OIL IN ENGLISH (Use 100% pure Olive oil)

O oil, creature of God, I exorcize you by God the Father (+) almighty, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that they contain. Let the adversary's power, the devil's legions, and all of Satan's attacks and machinations be dispelled and driven far from this creature, oil. Let it bring health in body and mind to all who use it, in the name of God (+) the Father almighty, and of our Lord Jesus (+) Christ, His Son, and of the Holy (+) Spirit, as well as in the love of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

Lord God almighty, before whom the hosts of angels stand in awe, and whose heavenly service we acknowledge; may it please you to regard favorably and to bless (+) and hallow (+) this creature, oil, which by your power has been pressed from the juice of olives. You have ordained it for anointing the sick, so that, when they are made well, they may give thanks to you, the living and true God. Grant we pray, that those who will use this oil, which we are blessing (+) in your name, may be protected from every attack of the unclean spirit, and be delivered from all suffering, all infirmity, and all wiles of the enemy. Let it be a means of averting any kind of adversity from man, redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, so that he may never again suffer the sting of the ancient serpent. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Priest sprinkles the oil with holy water)

EXORCISM OF OIL IN LATIN BENEDICTIO OLEI

Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.**Exorcismus**

Exorcizo te, creatura ólei, per Deum + Patrem omnipotentem, qui fecit caelum et terram, mare, et ómnia, quae in eis sunt. Omnis virtus adversarii, omnis exercitus diaboli, et omnis incursus, omne phantasma satanae eradicare, et effugare ab hac creatura ólei, ut fiat ómnibus, qui eo usuri sunt, salus mentis et córporis, in nómine Dei + Patris mnipotentis, et Jesu + Christi Filii ejus Dómini nostri, et Spiritus + Sancti Paracliti, et in caritate ejusdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui venturus est judicare vivos et mórtuos, et saeculum per ignem. Amen.

Oratio:

Oremus. Dómine Deus omnipotens, cui astat exercitus Angelórum cum tremóre, quorum servitium spirituale cognóscitur, dignare respicere, bene+dicere, et sancti+ficare hanc creaturam ólei, quam ex olivarum succo eduxisti, et ex eo infirmos

inungi mandasti, quatenus sanitate percepta, tibi Deo vivo et vero gratias agerent: praesta, quaesumus; ut hi, qui hoc óleo, quod in tuo nómine bene+dicimus, usi fuerint, ab omni languóre, omnique infirmitate, atque cunctis insidiis inimici liberentur, et cunctae adversitates separentur a plasmate tuo, quod pretiósó sanguine Filii tui redemisti, ut numquam laedatur a morsu antiqui serpentis.

Per eundem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum. Amen
Et aspergatur aqua benedicta.

EXORCISM BLESSING FOR CANDLES:

(Priest vests in surplice and purple stole)

1. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
2. R. Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

R: May He also be with you.

P: O candles, I exorcise you in the name of God (+) the Father Almighty, in the name of Jesus (+) Christ his Son, our Lord, and in the name of the Holy (+) Spirit. May God uproot and cast out from these objects, all power of the devil, all attacks of the unclean spirit, and all deceptions of Satan, so that they may bring health of mind and body to all who use them. We ask this through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

R: Amen

ORDINARY BLESSING FOR CANDLES:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, bless these candles at our lowly request. Endow them, Lord, by the power of the Holy (+) Cross, with a blessing from on high, you who gave them to mankind in order to dispel darkness. Let the blessing that they

receive from the sign of the holy + cross be so effectual that, wherever they are lighted or placed, the princes of darkness may depart in trembling from all these places, and flee in fear, along with all their legions, and never more dare to disturb or molest those who serve you, the almighty God, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR CHALK TO BLESS YOUR HOME:

Also used to bless washable crayons or markers used to Bless Your Home:

This blessing is very powerful and will stop all activity from human ghosts in purgatory, or entities other than demons within a circumference of 20 feet of where this blessing is written

Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, as a witness of their faith and protection against evil. This blessing is from the older version of the Roman Ritual.

PRAYER:

“O Lord God, bless this Thy creature chalk that it may be used for the salvation of the human race. Through the invocation of Thy most Holy Name grant that whoever shall take of this chalk and write with it upon the doors of his house the names of Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

or this prayer may be said:

“Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all those who with it write the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in the homes where this chalk is used, we make this prayer through Jesus the Christ. Amen.”

The initials of the Magi are then inscribed upon the inside of the doors with the blessed chalk.

(The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “**Christus mansionem benedicat**“ which means “**Christ bless this house**”.) This blessing is usually done at Epiphany around the first part of each new year, but can actually be done at any time to bless your home.

20 + C + M + B + 16 (the + is the symbol for the sign of the cross) (the 20 and 16 signify the year as this blessing is redone each year. In January of 2016 you will write 20 + C + M + B + 16. Write this inscription on your doors after blessing your home with holy water and saying the House blessing prayer found above. Frankincense may also be used to cense the home before writing the blessing on the doors. (Frankincense is an incense that is placed upon charcoal that has been lit. The smoldering charcoal will cause the incense to smoke, thereby cleansing the home of negativity.)

This is a very powerful blessing for your home. Please consider using it on all doors if you have what I call “localized” spirit haunting or incidents that confine themselves to small areas, such as a single room, hallway or stairway. You can, in fact, write this on every door in your home or property if you are unsure of the origin of the activity.