

Cyril Procatechesis 1 CLEANED

St. Cyril: Cyril Procatechesis-1 Already, my dear candidates for enlightenment, the scents of paradise are wafted towards you; you are gather weave heavenly garlands; the fragrance of the Holy Spirit surrounds you. You stand at the threshold palacemay lead you in! Now the blossom has appeared on the trees; may God grant the fruit be harv have enlisted and be the faith. You have walked in procession with tapers in hand and the desire fo heavenly citizenship in your hea holy resolve and confident hope. God is generous and kind, but He re true resolve from everyone. It is your sin that makes you called." It is useless for your body to be present your thoughts and heart are elsewhere. There Simon the Sorcerer, who approached the baptismal waters. He was dipped in the font, but he enlightened. His the water, but his heart was not enlightened by the Spirit. He did not share in Ch resurrection. I recount these failures to prevent you from falling. All these things happened as a warning and fo correction of those who app font even today. Do not be found tempting grace or letting a bitter root sp in your heart. Let no one approach sa Lets see what the believers are doing; Im here just to look around you come only to observe, God is also obs your heart. In the Gospel, a man sneaked into a wedding feast without a proper garment. Though he joined the was not dressed with the right resolve. The bridegroom noticed and asked, How did you get in here?" He was of his appearance but for lacking the appropriate resolve. Consider the fate of that intruder, and lo your own sa As Christs ministers, we have welcomed all and left the door open. Some may have entered with souls stained is entered in the registerdo you see the majesty, order, and discipline of the Church, the reading o Scriptures, presence of ecclesiastical orders, and the regular instruction? You are on holy ground; let what teach you. If yo souls fashion is avarice, put on another; put off impurity and put on chastity. You cannot clai short notice; you forty days for repentance, time for self-examination and amendment. Persist in an evil p and you cannot expect receive the grace of baptism. The water may not refuse you, but the Spirit will not we you. Whoever is aware o let it be healed; whoever has fallen, let him rise. Let there be no Simon am no hypocrite, no idle gossip. Perhap have come for ulterior motives, perhaps drawn by another person. Even if your reason for comi you may yet be are like a fish caught in the Churchs net; let yourself be taken alive. Christ plays yo His line not to kill but to make you alive. You must die to sin and rise againbe alive from today. What honor Jesus bestows! You were catechumens as the truth was taught to you from outside. Now th rings not in your ears but in your heart, as th indwelling Spirit makes your soul the house of God. When you h Scriptures about the Mysteries, you will have perception and understanding. Do

not think what you are given is small. You are receiving the name of Gods
fScripture says God is fa and faithful and just. The Psalmist, speaking for
God,says, I have said: you are god all of you the sons the Most High. Rejoice in
beingcalled faithful, but let your resolve match your name. You entered for a
racerun it,for you may not get another chance. On the eve of consecrating your
soul to yourhea Spouse worldly things to win those of the spirit. Baptism cannot
be repeated.You may not receive it a second time; for, one Lord, one faith, one
Baptis hereticsare rebaptized, because their former act was no true baptism
requires onlysincerity. Do not ask, How are my sins blotted out? They are blotted
out by willingand by believ your lips declare willingness but your heart is not,
remember thatGod judges the heart. From toda every evil a no unholy words
leave your tongue,let your eyes avoid what is sinful or vain. Let your feet hasten
to the catechinstructions; diligently receive the exorcisms. Whether you are
breathed orexorcised, it is for salvation. As gold cannot be purified without fire, so
the soulcannot be purified without exorcism. The exorcisms are drawn from
divineScriptures and have divine power. The veiling of your face foster
recollection;though your eyes are veile ears can still receive salvation. As
goldsmiths use fireto purify gold, so the exorcists, by the divine Spirit, purify the
soul. The Devil flees,and salvation is left with you, along with the hope of eternal
life. Let us perseverein h and entrust ourselves to God, who will cleanse fro and
grant repentance untosalvation. It is God who calls, an whom He has called.
Attend faithfully to thecatecheses, even if theyare lengthy. You are taking up arms
again enemies:heresies Samaritans, and Gentiles.With many adversaries, you
need manyweapons, above all the s Spirit. right hand musthave holy resolve to
fight thebattle of the Lord and overcome all opposition. Study andremember what
you aretaught; do not confuse the pre-baptismal instructions with regularsermons.
neglectthe systematic instructions about the new birth, you may never
recoverwhat islost. Imagine planting treeunless d rightly from the start, it is hard to
fixlater.Knowledge must be laid stone upon stone, in seque until a perfect
structurerises. Theraces for your souls; strive for an eternal reward. If a
catechumen askswhat you havelear tell outsiders nothing. These are divine
secrets, the hope of lifet Do not share themindiscriminately. Not every fit to hear
them; you were once acatechumen and were n wasahead. Now, understanding
by experience the gthese doctrines, you know whycatechumens in advance. All
who have enrolledare children of one Mother. Beexorcisms, let your
conversations be devout, andanyone who is absent. Seek the goodfor your fellow
candida would for sibilings.During exorcism, let men be with men andwomen with
women, as in Noahs Ark.Let distinc maintaine the church. While you wait,men
should read or discusssomething edifying; women, especially virgin or read
quietly.I will be watchingyour earnestness and piety. Let your hearts be kindled to
devotion andyour srefined like with all impurity removed. May God one day show
you the night thatisas bright as day, when you a baptized illuminated, and named

with Christ's name, receiving the power of divine things. Even now, lift your heads, ye angels and choirs, the Lord on His throne, the Son and the Spirit, and every one of you receiving salvation and welcomed as a new star in the Church. Great is the prize that awaits you in Baptism: deliverance, forgiveness, a shining garment, a holy seal, chariot to heaven, the delights of Paradise, a passport to the Kingdom, and adoption as God's children. But a devil lies in wait for travelers; be on guard so his poison of unbelief does not harm you. If you yourself with hope and faith, you will overcome and enter the house of the Lord. Prepare your hearts for the teaching in Mysteries. frequently and never be idle; let your first thoughts be of God. If an evil thought enters your mind, reject it. Apply yourself to learning and ignore anyone who scoffs at baptism. Guard your soul so you may avoid inheriting salvation after standing fast in hope. These are my instructions and my charge to you. It is mine to speak and yours to put the words into action, and go perfect the work. Prepare your hearts; the race is for your souls, and reward is eternal. God, who knows every heart, can keep the sincere safe, and even turn the hypocrite or unbeliever into a true believer if only he gives heart. May He cancel the decree against you, grant forgiveness for past sins, enroll you as His children, and fill you with the treasures of the New Covenant. May He seal you by His Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus the Lord, to whom forever and ever. Amen.