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(Abbé Julio, from 'Grand Secrets Merveilleux')

- V. ✕ Peace be to this house.
R. And to all its inhabitants.

With the holy water the Bishop or Priest asperges himself, then any Assistants and the room they are in, saying:

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Have mercy upon me, O God; after Thy great goodness.
Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Thou shalt purge me....

- V. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.
R. And give us Thy salutary protection.
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We pray Thee, O Lord, by the sprinkling of this holy water, give Thy servants balance of mind, health of body, the guarantee of salvation, the strength of Faith, the certainty of Hope and the ripe fruit of Charity, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Grant our prayer, Most Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God: and deign to send Thy holy angel from heaven to keep, favor, protect, visit and defend all those who live in this place. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

✕ Bless this habitation, Lord God Almighty: and in this place may health, purity, victory, virtue, humility, kindness, sweetness, the fullness of the Law and the giving of thanks to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; may this blessing rest on this habitation and on all those who dwell here, now and forever.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, Who giveth Thy priests the grace of choice, so that what we do here in Thy Name, with dignity, piety, and the greatest possible perfection, may be considered as done by Thee: we ask for Thy kindness without measure. Visit this place which we visit, bless what we bless, and ✠ extend Thine almighty hand over everything that we are about to, and in our humility, with our arrival and our entry into this habitation, by the merits of Thy Saints chase far away any demons, and allow the Angels of peace to enter therein. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O My God, Almighty Father, we beseech you most humbly for those who live and for those who will be in this habitation: condescend to ✠ bless this home, ✠ sanctify it and ✠ fill it with all kind of goodness. Grant, O Lord, as a result of Thy mercy, to all those who live here, the abundance of the dew of heaven, the substance of life through the riches of the earth, and the accomplishment of all their legitimate desires. As Thou had blessed the habitation of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; so deign through we who enter into this home, to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify it. And may our Angels of light remain between the walls of this habitation to faithfully watch over it and its inhabitants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Bless this habitation, O Lord, by the merits of Saint N... (*name a Saint*). ✠ Bless our entry, ✠ bless every step which we are about to take, as in former times Thou didst bless the habitation of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Was it not Thou, O Lord Jesus, who said to Thy disciples: And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house, may peace descend upon this habitation, as well as all your menservants and maidservants here present or who live there. Deliver them, O Lord, from any disease or infirmity, fill them an hundredfold with fruit, wine, oil and wheat, and later give unto them the eternal glory.

R. Amen.

✠ Holy Angels of God, by the Divine Mercy, descend upon this home, defend it and protect it forever against the demons and their evil deeds.

R. Amen.

Keep, Lord, this habitation without stain, and that is why, at this time and in this place, I ✠ purge it of any unclean spirit; I ✠ purify it and I ✠ sanctify it. O Lord, may Thy habitation shoot forth as a source of living water, may Thy mercy water it with every grace, and say to the Angel charged with striking and punishing: cease laying thy hand upon it, and let it

see thy greatness, and thy goodness, by ✠ sanctifying this habitation. Holy Virgin Mary, I also invoke thy name upon this place and upon each room in this habitation: bless it since thou art the Mother of Mercy, the Consoler of the afflicted. And thou Saint N..., rise up, and by the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this home with all its dependencies: that the demons and all their evil can neither hide nor remain there, because I, N..., a Priest of God, Thy servant, in the Name of Jesus, I ✠ destroy, I ✠ destroy the works or malefice done or to be done in this habitation, or in any part of this home I ✠ bless and I ✠ sanctify this dwelling. O demons and the works of demons, ye can neither remain nor endure, but from this moment ye are destroyed and nothing of ye remains. In the Name ✠ of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant takes the holy water and sprinkles it throughout the home, in each room and mainly on the doors and in all the corners, saying: Thou shalt purge me, etc. He will also cast blessed salt, and anoint any windows with holy oil. Finally, the bishop or priest will perform the same ceremony with the blessed sword, saying: Vade Retro Satana, et da locum Spiritui Sancto, or: flee, Satan, and cede thy place to the Holy Spirit.

The protective talisman is given to the occupants to place where they wish.

When the home has been completely covered, the following prayers are said:

I ask Thee, O Lord, by Thine infinite goodness, to ✠ bless this home with Thy holy right: that it may become as a blazing fire for demons, who will forever flee from it, full of shame and confusion; that they never can remain here or hide here, either by day or by night; that all its inhabitants shall be safe, and sleep in peace, without disturbance, without fear and without having anything to fear from the snares of the devil. And may Thy benediction be forever upon this habitation, upon everyone who comes here, and upon all who live here.

R. Amen.

May the Peace and Blessing of the Most Holy Trinity, and Saint N..., descend upon this place.

R. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, henceforth, all those who live in this habitation can pray here with faith, sleep without unrest, eat, drink, accomplish all their regular activities and exercise them in complete freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.