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Reverend Mother Edwarda
Loretto Convent
Loretto Lane & Orchard Road
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mother Edwarda:

Pursuant to our phone discussion of yesterday relative to the ceremony in connection with your corner stone laying, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the conventional prayers ordinarily used on such an occasion.

As you can see, these are not very elaborate or lengthy; the only time when a long and formal ceremony is given is on the occasion of the laying of a corner stone for a Church when a Bishop is presiding.

Also, it would be up to the discretion of Msgr. Murray as to just exactly what order he wishes to follow and which prayer would be used.

I trust this will be of some help to you; please do not hesitate to phone me at any time for any information you may require.

Respectfully yours,

Mary A. Kinnare

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BLESSING OF A CORNER-STONE FOR ANY BUILDING

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit

Let us pray -

O God, from Whom every good thing takes its beginning, and receives its increase as it advances unto perfection, grant, we earnestly pray, that what we undertake for thy holy praise, may be the eternal gift of thy father. Wisdom be brought to completion. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

It is then sprinkled with holy water.

THE FORM OF BLESSING FOR ALL THINGS

This form may be used by any priest for the blessing of anything which has a special blessing in the Ritual.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit

Let us pray -

O God, by whose word all things are made holy, pour out thy blessing on this _____. And grant that whosoever uses it in accordance with thy will and thy law, and with a spirit of thanksgiving, may experience by thy power health in body and protection in soul, as he invokes thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

It is then sprinkled with holy water.