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The overall structure of the Rite of Ordaining One Priest (2003)

1. Introductory Rites: there are special orations for the Rite of Ordination

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3. Ordination
   a. Election of the Candidates
      i. Call by deacon
      ii. Presentation by a designated priest
      iii. Election by the bishop
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      ii. The ministry of the word
      iii. The Ministry of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation
      iv. Prayer
      v. Consecration to Christ
      vi. Obedience (placing hands within those of the bishop)
   d. Litany of Supplication (Litany of the Saints)
   e. Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Ordination
   f. Anointing of Hands and Handing Over of the Bread and Wine
      i. Vesting the newly ordained in the vestments of a priest for Mass
      ii. Anointing of Hands
      iii. Handing Over of the Bread and Wine
      iv. Sharing of the sign of peace with the bishop and other priests present

4. Liturgy of the Eucharist: there is a special preface and intercessions for the Eucharistic Prayer

5. Concluding Rites: there is a special final blessing
Prayer of Ordination

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS (EL 2003)

Amen.

God, for ever and ever,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
and are proclaimed in your Kingdom
and made perfect in your Kingdom,
and so may the full number of the nations, gathered together in Christ,
and for all the world.
fell into the number of the nations, gathered together in Christ, and for all the world,
for the people entrusted to his care,
in pursuance of your mercy,
May the word of the Gospel never fail in human hearts
and strengthen the grace of the Holy Spirit,
so that your people may be renewed in the waters of rebirth.
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May he be a faithful steward of your mysteries,
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And now we beseech you, Lord, in our weakness,