

Holy Clutter

Burial Ceremony

Traditionally, Catholics would bring their unwanted or broken blessed objects to church on the 23rd of June, the eve of the feast of St John the Baptist to burn and bury them. You can do this at home as needed, with this simple ceremony to deal with your unwanted holy clutter.

Materials

- Fire pit or metal bucket lined with foil
- Broken/unwanted/unusable sacramentals
- Matches, fire starters, extra fuel
- Quiet spot for burial
- Trowel or spade
- Order of Ceremony

Preparation

Step 1 Build a fire in your fire pit/ bucket.

Step 2 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the following prayer:

Lord,

We thank you for the gift of creation and the human hands that made these objects.

We thank you for thir time with us as reminders of your love for us.

With gratitude, we now return these sacramentals to the elements from which they came.
Amen.

Step 3 Place all your unwanted, flammable sacramentals on the fire to burn. Allow it to burn to ashes and cool.

Step 4 While the fire is burning down, reverently break up your non-flammable sacramentals. You may need to use scissors or other tools.

Burial Ceremony

Step 1 Go to your chosen burial spot and dig a hole large enough for your needs.

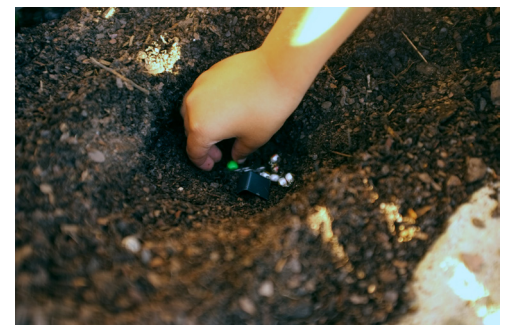


Step 2 Make the Sign of the Cross and say a simple prayer or use the following:

Father in Heaven,
we return these sacramentals to the elements from which you create life on earth.

Thank you for the way we have been able to use them to recieve and cooperate with your grace.
Amen.

Step 3 Place the ashes and other broken down sacramentals into the hole and cover them.



Step 4 Finish with a 'Glory Be' and the Sign of the Cross.