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## KIT CARSON, CATHOLIC

By BROTHER CLAUDIUS ANTONY

THE RECORDS concerning Christopher Carson, now published for the first time, were transcribed, July, 1934, in the rectory of the church of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Taos, New Mexico. The baptismal record is in the parish book "Bautismos," 1837-1844, p. 241; the marriage record, in "Matrimonios," 1833-1845, p. 209; and the burial record; in "Libro de Sepulturos," 1869, p. 92.

To have the records photographed I had arranged at that time with Father Claudio Balland, the pastor of the church. But some weeks later when the photographer called at Taos, Father Balland was reluctant to allow the photostats to be taken, because His Excellency Archbishop Rudolph Aloysius Gerken, D. D., had lately given directions that all the old parish records should be taken to Santa Fé. The records were brought to Santa Fé in December by the Archbishop himself and deposited in the Archives of the Archdiocese. The photostats were finally made a few months ago with the permission of His Excellency by Mr. Charles E. Lord at the archiepiscopal residence.

*The baptismal record establishes the following facts:*

Christopher Carson, who was then thirty-two years old, was baptized by Padre Antonio José Martínez at Taos on the twenty-eighth day of January, 1842. Mr. Carson received the religious instructions which the Roman Ritual prescribes for converts—instructions in the Christian faith, that is, the Apostles' Creed; the sacraments, and especially the effects of baptism; the Our Father; the acts of faith, hope, charity, and contrition; and instructions in Christian morality, the divine precepts which are included in the Decalogue and the precepts of the Church. As Mr. Carson had been baptized according to the rite of the Anabaptists, he was baptized conditionally. He also made the profession

of faith which is obligatory for adult converts<sup>1</sup> and he was given the name of Christopher, the same name which he had received in his first baptism. Mr. Carson was baptized solemnly, that is, all the ceremonies prescribed by the Roman Ritual were performed.

The godparents were Louis Lee and María de la Cruz Padilla. They too were instructed in their obligations and spiritual relationships.

*The marriage record contains the following statements:*

Christopher Carson, son of Linsey Carson and Rebecca Robinson, a native of Missouri and a resident of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Taos), on the sixth of February, 1843, gave notice of his intention to marry María Josefa Jaramillo, daughter of Francis Jaramillo and María Polonia Vigil, a native of the town of Santa Cruz de la Cañada and a resident of the above-mentioned town. The banns, the public proclamations of the Intended marriage, were published at the parish masses on three successive holydays, namely, on Sunday, January 29, on the feast of the Purification of the Most Blessed Virgin, February 2, and on Sunday, February 5.

And as no diriment or prohibitory impediments were discovered (the first render marriage null; the second, unlawful) they were married by Padre Antonio José Martinez, according to the rites of the Church.

George Bent and María de la Cruz Padilla were the canonical witnesses. Other witnesses were Manuel Lucero and José María Valdez and others, all residents of Taos.

*The burial record informs us that:*

Christopher Carson and Josefa Jaramillo, his wife, both of whom had died many months before at Rio de las Animas, were buried, according to the rites of the Church, at Taos

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1. "Haeretici vero ad Catholicam Ecclesiam venientes, in quorum Baptismo debita forma, aut materia servata non est, rite baptizandi sunt; sed prius errorum suorum pravitatem agnoscant et detestentur, et in fide Catholica diligenter instruantur." *Rubrics of the Roman Ritual*, 752, Article 12.

Creencia) En este curato de San José los veinte y ocho días del mes de la  
ro del año mil ochocientos sesenta y dos, Yo el Curato de Antonio de  
se, Martínez, por los catagorías necesarias hasta haberme in-  
formado de estar oficialmente instruido, en los principios medios y fin de  
nuestra Santa religión, la admiti a ella, y como ocurrió Dada para  
diente sobre si creyera o no bautizado, pues que lo fue según el tri-  
to de los Anabaptistas, un adulto de treinta y dos años de edad  
lo examiné que sus obras, batióse sub condicione selam-  
nente, y según el mandado sermón, poniéndole por nombre San  
Abal mismo que tenía de su primer bautismo en el ciudad  
de, mas este bautismo que yo le hice fue según el rito  
de adultos conforme al Arbitrio Romano: Dicho adulto es ori-  
undo del estado de Misuri de Norte América, pero  
es constante que desde la edad en que corria de la edad de la edad  
vive en esta tierra plaza de nuestra ciudad de San José  
de curato, aunque si concitandol el oficio de curador  
por el curato del Norte: Dijo ver sus padres de los padres  
Primo matrimonio de los padres de los padres de los padres  
fueron padres de los padres de los padres de los padres

Dicha vecinos de la misma plaza de nuestra ciudad de San  
José, a los que adverti su obligación y sacramentos espirituales  
y para que conste firmó

Antonio de Martínez

Cristobal En este cumto de años a los seis dias del  
Corson y dias de Febrero del año de mil ochocientos  
N.º 30. Cuarenta y tres, Yo el Parroco D. Antonio  
Jose Sarajoe Martinez, viendo concluidas unas dili-  
gencias matrimoniales a solicitud de Cris-  
bal Corson soltero hijo legitimo de An-  
tony Corson y de Rebecca Stoverzon, oriundo  
de Misuri del Norte America, y vecino  
de la plaza de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,  
con Maria Josefa Navamilla soltera hija  
legitima de Francisco Navamilla y de  
Maria Polonia Vigil, oriunda de la villa  
de Sta. Cruz de la Cañada, y vecina  
de la misma plaza de nuestra Señora  
de Guadalupe, y amonestador en esta pa-  
rroquia de mi cargo tres dias festivos  
inter Misarum Blessinia, que fueron  
el 29, del mes de Enero el 2 y 3 del  
corriente, y de todo no haberles re-  
sultado impedimento alguno alguno divi-  
namente ni impediente los caso y rito  
in facie ecc., fueron padrinos Sarge-  
Jente y Maria de la Cruz Padilla:  
testigos presenciales Juan Manuel

Ancero y José Maria Valdes vecinos ve-  
cinos de la plaza de nuestra Señora de Gu-  
adalupe con los demas que habia presente  
y 1.º y 2.º Donde firmé.

Anto. Jose Martinez



on the twenty-fifth of May, 1869, by Father Gabriel Ussel, the pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

DOCUMENTS<sup>2</sup>

Christopher

In this parish of Taos, on the twenty-eighth day of January, 1842, I the parish priest, D. Antonio José Martinez, after giving the necessary religious instructions and when I was satisfied that he was sufficiently instructed in the principles, the means and the aims of our holy religion, and with his acceptance of the same, and as a reasonable doubt existed as to whether he was baptized or not, since he had been baptized according to the rite of the Anabaptists,<sup>3</sup> whose errors he abjured—an adult thirty-two years of age—I exorcised him, I anointed him with the holy oils, and I baptized him, conditionally, solemnly, I anointed him with the sacred chrism, giving him the name of Christopher, the same name which he had received at his first baptism according to the above mentioned rite. But, the baptism which I administered to him was according to the Church rite for adults as required by the Roman Ritual: the said adult came from the State of Missouri of North America; but it is a well-known fact that ever since he was fourteen years old he has lived here in this town of Our Lady of Guadalupe of this parish, and that he has been engaged in the occupation of hunting in the North: he said his parents were of legitimate marriage—Linsey Carson and Rebecca Robinson:<sup>4</sup> the god-parents<sup>5</sup> were Louis Lee<sup>6</sup> and Maria de la Cruz Padilla, residents of this town of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom I instructed in their obligations and spiritual relationship, and in testimony of which I have signed my name.

Anto. José Martinez

2. For the original Spanish, see the accompanying facsimiles. The sentence structure of the original has been retained.

3. Anabaptists baptize again, upon admission to their communion, persons, especially infants, baptized when incapable of stating the doctrines of their belief.

4. The original has, incorrectly, Roberson.

5. Only Catholics may be god-parents.

It is the duty of god-parents, arising from sponsorship, to regard their spiritual children as their perpetual charges and to instruct them carefully in the obligations of a Christian life, in order that they may prove themselves such as they solemnly promised by their baptismal vows to be. At most, two god-parents may be employed, namely, a man and a woman.

6. The Sheriff of Taos County.

Christopher

Carson and  
María Josefa  
Jaramillo

In this parish of Taos on the sixth day of the month of February of the year, 1843, I, the parish priest, D. Antonio José Martínez, having completed certain judicial matrimonial inquiries at the request of Christopher Carson—single, legitimate son of Linsey Carson and of Rebecca Robinson,<sup>7</sup> a native of Missouri in North America and a resident of this town of Our Lady of Guadalupe—with María Josefa Jaramillo, single, legitimate daughter of Francisco Jaramillo—and of María Polonia Vigil, a native of the town of Santa Cruz de la Cañada and residing in the above mentioned town of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the banns<sup>8</sup> having been published at the masses in this parish under my care on three holydays which were the twenty-ninth ultimo (January) and the second and the fifth of the present month, and no impediments, either diriment or prohibitory, having been discovered, I married and united them according to the rites of the Church. The groomsman was George Bent,<sup>9</sup> and the bridesmaid María de la Cruz Padilla, and the witnesses<sup>10</sup> were Juan Manuel Lucero and José María Valdes, all residents of the town of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as well as the others who were present.

In testimony of which I have signed,

Anto. José Martínez

May 25  
Christopher  
Carson  
and  
Josefa  
Jaramillo

In this parish of Taos, on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1869, eighteen hundred sixty-nine, I, Gabriel Ussel, parish priest,<sup>11</sup> buried according to the rites of the Church the bodies of Christopher Carson, and of Josefa Jaramillo, his wife; both had died at Rio de Las Animas many months before.

In testimony of which I have signed,

Gabriel Ussel.

7. The original has incorrectly, Roverzon.

8. Public proclamations of an intended marriage, as a help in discovering matrimonial impediments, if any exist. Three publications, on different Sundays or holydays, are required.

9. A brother of Charles Bent, first civil Governor of New Mexico.

10. At a marriage two witnesses are strictly required for its validity. Only Catholics may licitly act as witnesses.

11. The pastors of the Catholic Church at Taos from 1826 to 1874 were: Padre Antonio José Martínez, Padre Damaso Taladria, Padre José Eulogio Ortiz, and Padre Gabriel Ussel.

Mayo 25  
 En esta parroquia de San José de los rios  
 Christopher Carson cinco dias del mes de Mayo de 1851 recibio  
 el sacramento de la Eucaristia y fue bautizado por el sacerdote Gabriel  
 de la Cruz en el rio de los rios. El cuerpo de Christopher  
 Carson y el de Josefa Garamillo su esposa  
 fueron sepultados en el rio de los  
 rios. De Josefa Garamillo madre  
 de Christopher Carson.  
 Gabriel de la Cruz

CHURCH BURIAL RECORD, CARSON AND WIFE

In order that the reader may realize the procedure, which was followed when Christopher Carson made his profession of faith and received solemn baptism, the form of abjuration and the baptismal rites are given.

The order observed in the reception of converts into the Catholic Church, when baptism is conferred conditionally, as was the case with Christopher Carson, is as follows:

First—The convert makes the profession of faith.

Second—He is baptized conditionally.

Third—He makes a sacramental confession and is given absolution.

I. THE PROFESSION OF FAITH AS MADE BY CHRISTOPHER CARSON.

(The priest, having on a surplice, violet stole, and a cape of the same color, sits down on the epistle side of the altar. Christopher Carson kneels down before him, and touching the book of the Gospels with his right hand, makes the profession of faith;)

I, Christopher Carson, having before me the holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand, and knowing that no one can be saved without that faith which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Roman Church, holds, believes, and teaches, against which I grieve that I have greatly erred, inasmuch as I have held and believed doctrines opposed to her teaching.

I now, with sorrow and contrition for my past errors, profess that I believe the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

Roman Church to be the only and true Church established on earth by Jesus Christ, to which I submit myself with my whole soul. I believe all the articles of faith which she proposes to my belief, and I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all that she commands me. And I make the following profession of my faith:

I believe in one only God in three divine Persons, distinct from and equal to each other—that is to say, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

I believe in the Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ; in the personal union of the two Natures, the divine and the human; the divine Maternity of the most Holy Mary, together with the most spotless Virginity.

I believe in the true, real, and substantial presence of the Body and Blood, together with the soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I believe in seven sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind—that is to say, Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Eucharist, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

I believe in Purgatory, the Resurrection of the Dead, and Everlasting Life.

I believe in the Primacy, not only of honor but also of jurisdiction, of the Roman Pontiff, successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the veneration of the Saints and of their images.

I believe in the authority of the apostolic and ecclesiastical tradition, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret and understand only in the sense in which our holy mother, the Catholic Church, has held and does hold.

And I believe in everything else that has been defined and declared by the sacred Canons and by the General Councils, and particularly by the holy Council of Trent, and delivered, defined, and declared by the General Council of the Vatican, especially concerning the primacy of the Holy Roman Pontiff, and his infallible teaching authority.

With a sincere heart, therefore, and with unfeigned faith I detest and abjure every error, heresy, and sect

opposed to the said Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Roman Church. So help me God, and these his Holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand.

(Then while Christopher Carson is still kneeling, the Priest sitting says:)<sup>12</sup>

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquities; and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgression; and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou art judged.

5. For behold I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6. For behold Thou desirest truth: The hidden secrets of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

7. Sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Hide Thy face from my sins and blot out mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not thine holy spirit from me.

12. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13. Then will I teach transgressors, Thy ways: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

15. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

16. For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

12. Psalm 50, in the Rheims-Doway version; 51, in the King James version. (Is it not more likely that any psalter or book of ritual owned by Father Martinez was based on the Latin Vulgate? Or if in Spanish, on the version of Scio or Amat.—Editor)

17. The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

18. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Sion: to build the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

(The priest then stands and says:)

Priest: Lord, have mercy.  
 Response: Christ, have mercy.  
 Priest: Lord, have mercy. (Our Father in secret.)  
 Priest: And lead us not into temptation.  
 Response: But deliver us from evil. Amen.  
 Priest: Save thy servant.  
 Response: Who puts his trust in thee, O my God.  
 Priest: Lord, hear my prayer.  
 Response: And let my cry come unto Thee.  
 Priest: The Lord be with thee.  
 Response: And with thy spirit.  
 Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our humble petition: that thy servant here present whom the chain of excommunication doth bind, may by the compassion of Thy loving kindness mercifully be absolved. Amen.

(The priest then sits down and turning toward Christopher Carson who is still kneeling, absolves him from his heresy, saying:)

By the Apostolic authority which I exercise here, I absolve thee from the bond of excommunication, which perchance thou hast incurred, and I restore thee to the holy sacraments of the Church, to the communion and the unity of the faithful, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (the priest makes the sign of the cross.) and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(The priest then enjoins upon Christopher Carson some salutary penance.)

(Then the priest, Christopher Carson, and the sponsors proceed to the vestibule of the Church.)

II. THE BAPTISMAL RITE FOR ADULTS ACCORDING TO  
THE ROMAN RITUAL:

The Priest: Christopher, what dost thou ask of the Church of God?

Christopher  
Carson: Faith.

The Priest: To what doth faith bring thee?

Christopher  
Carson: To life everlasting.

The Priest: If then thou wilt enter into life keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

(The Priest breathes gently upon the face of Christopher Carson and says:)

Depart from him, thou unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost the Paraclete.

(The Priest makes the sign of the cross with his thumb upon the forehead and the breast of Christopher Carson, saying:)

Receive the sign of the cross upon thy forehead and upon thy heart; take unto thee the faith of the heavenly commandments, and be thou such in thy ways that thou mayest be henceforth fit to be the temple of God.

Let us pray:

Graciously hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and protect by Thy unfailing might, this soul of Thy choice, Christopher, now marked with the sign of our Lord's holy cross, that holding to his first knowledge of Thy infinite perfection, he may deserve, by keeping Thy commandments, to come to the glory destined for those who are born anew: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Priest lays his hand upon the head of Christopher Carson, and afterward holding the hand extended says:)

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, deign to look with fervor upon thy servant, Christopher, whom Thou hast been pleased to call to the beginning of faith. Heal him of all blindness of heart; sunder all the snares of the enemy in which he has been entangled; open to him, O Lord, the gate of Thy fatherly love, that signed with the seal of Thy wisdom, he may be free from the corruption of all wicked desires, and under the influence of Thy Church, advanc-

ing in perfection from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

(The Priest blesses the salt.)

I purge thee of evil, creature of salt, in the name of God the Father Almighty, and in the charity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Ghost. I purge thee of evil by the living God, the true God, the holy God, by God who hath provided thee for the well-being of mankind, and commanded that thou be consecrated by his servants for those who come into the life of faith, so that in the name of the Holy Trinity thou mayest be made a means of spiritual aid to drive the enemy away. We therefore implore Thee, O Lord our God, to make holy with Thy sanctification and bless with Thy blessing, this creature of salt, that it may become to all who receive it, an effective remedy, working ever within them; in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen.

(The Priest puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the Christopher Carson saying:)

Christopher, receive the salt of wisdom; may it be unto thee an earnest of God's favor unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with you.

Christopher  
Carson:

And with thy spirit.

The Priest:

Let us pray.

O God of our fathers, Source of all truth, most humbly we pray thee of Thy goodness, to look with favor upon Thy servant Christopher, and permit not that he, who now tastes this morsel of salt, should hunger any more, but rather that he abound in heavenly food, that he may be always fervent of spirit, joyful in hope, always honoring Thy Holy Name. Lead him to the font of the new and better birth, that as one of Thy faithful he may deserve to win the everlasting reward which thou hast promised: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest:

I bid thee begone, unclean spirit, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; that thou depart and keep far from this servant of God, Christopher, for He commands thee accursed demon, who trod the waves under foot and extended a helping

hand to Peter who was about to sink. Therefore, accursed fiend, acknowledge thy doom and give honor to the living and true God, give honor to Jesus Christ His son, and to the Holy Ghost, and keep far from this servant of God, because Jesus Christ our Lord and God has been pleased to call him to His holy grace and blessing, even to the font of baptism. (The Priest signs Christopher saying:) And this sign of the holy cross, which we trace upon his forehead, do thou, accursed fiend, never dare to violate: Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Priest and Christopher Carson say the Apostles' Creed and the Our Father.)

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Priest: Let us pray.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God,, author of the light of truth, earnestly call down upon this Thy servant Thy eternal and all-holy love, that Thou wouldst be pleased to guide him with the light of Thy wisdom. Make him pure and holy, give him skill to learn the truth, that having been deemed worthy of the grace of Thy baptism, he may preserve in firm hope, right purpose, and holy doctrine: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Priest with his left hand takes Christopher Carson by the right and leads him into the church, saying:)

Christopher, enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ, unto life everlasting. Amen.

(After the Priest, Christopher Carson, Louis Lee, and Maria de la Cruz Padilla have entered the church, the Priest leads the way to the baptismal font and together with Christopher Carson says aloud the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.)

(Then before he enters the baptistry the Priest says:) I bid thee begone, unclean spirit, if any remain, in the name of God the Father Almighty, and in the name of Jesus Christ, His son our Lord and Judge, and in the power of the Holy Ghost, that you keep far from this creature of God's making, Christopher, whom our Lord has been pleased to call to His holy temple, that he also might be made a temple of the living God, and that the Holy Ghost might dwell within him: Through the same Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

(The Priest takes a little saliva on his thumb and touched the ears of Christopher Carson saying, "Ephpheta," which is "be thou open.")

(Then touching the nostrils.)

Unto the odor of sweetness. But thou spirit of evil, begone: for the judgment of God is at hand.

(The Priest then questions Christopher Carson as follows:)

The Priest: Christopher, dost thou renounce satan?

Christopher Carson: I do renounce him.

The Priest: And all his works?

Christopher Carson: I do renounce them.

The Priest: And all his pomps?

Christopher Carson: I do renounce them.

(The priest dips his thumb in the oil of the Catechumens, and anoints Christopher Carson on the breast and between the shoulders in the form of a cross, saying:)

The Priest: I anoint thee with the oil of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have life everlasting. Amen. (Standing in the same place, outside the railing the Priest exchanges the stole and cape of violet for a stole

and a cape of white. Then he enters the baptistry as do also the sponsors with Christopher Carson. The Priest at the font interrogates Christopher Carson again.)

The Priest: Christopher, dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Christopher Carson: I do believe.

The Priest: Dost thou believe also in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Christopher Carson: I do believe.

The Priest: Christopher, wilt thou be baptized?

Christopher Carson: I will.

(Then Louis Lee and María de la Cruz Padilla touch Christopher Carson, while the Priest takes baptismal water in a small vessel, and pours it three times upon the head of Christopher Carson, saying:)

The Priest: If thou art not yet baptized, Christopher, I baptize thee in the name of the Father (pouring the first time) and of the Son (pouring the second time) and of the Holy Ghost (pouring the third time.)

(Then the Priest dips his thumb in the holy chrism, and anoints Christopher Carson on the crown of the head, in the form of a cross, saying:)

May God almighty, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given thee a new life by water and the Holy Ghost, and granted thee remission of all sins, may He anoint thee with the chrism of salvation in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, unto life everlasting. Amen.

The Priest: Peace be to thee.

Response: And with thy spirit.

(Having wiped his thumb and the anointed place, and laid a linen cloth upon the head of Christopher Carson in lieu of a white garment, the Priest says:)

Receive this white garment, which mayest thou wear without stain before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have life everlasting. Amen.

(The Priest gives Christopher Carson a lighted candle, and says:)

Receive this burning light, and without fail be true to thy baptism; keep the commandments of God that when our Lord shall come to claim his own, thou mayest be worthy to greet Him with all the saints in the heavenly court, and live forever and ever. Amen.

(Last of all the Priest says:)

Christopher, go in peace and may the Lord be with thee. Amen.

III. CHRISTOPHER CARSON MAKES A SACRAMENTAL  
CONFESSION AND IS GIVEN CONDITIONAL ABSOLUTION.

*Saint Mary's College,  
California.*