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Baptisms invalid

Thousands of baptisms need to be redone

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USPA NEWS - Thousands of baptisms in US invalid due to word error Irish priest says
Thousands of Catholics in the US and Brazil may have to be re-baptised because the priest in question said ‘we’ instead of ‘I’.

AN IRISH PRIEST Fr.Dennis Ward has said the declaration of thousands of baptisms in the US and Brazil as invalid because the priest in question used the word ‘we’ instead of ‘I’

Thousands of Catholics in the US and Brazil may have to be re-baptised after it was discovered a priest had gotten one word wrong in the blessing for decades — invalidating the rite.

For 26 years, Fr Andres Arango had been performing the first sacrament of Catholic life with the words, ‘We baptise you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’, instead of the Vatican-sanctioned ‘I baptise you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’.

The ‘I’ references Jesus, not the priest.

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It is believed that thousands of people are affected by the issue, casting doubt over the validity of their confirmations and marriages. If a person’s baptism is deemed invalid, later sacraments they received may also be invalidated.
some say the decision to deem thousands of baptisms as invalid over the use of one incorrect word is “taking a purely legalistic view of baptism” and ignoring the spiritual side of the sacrament.

Fr.Dennis Ward of the society of Saint John Paul II said “It may seem legalistic, but the words that are spoken (the sacramental form), along with the actions that are performed and the materials used (the sacramental matter) are a crucial aspect of every sacrament.
“If you change the words, actions, or materials required in any of the sacraments, they are not valid. For example, if a priest uses milk instead of wine during the Consecration of the Eucharist, the sacrament is not valid. The milk would not become the Blood of Jesus Christ.”

Individual priests need to stop being a law unto themselves stop trying to make individuals happy stop changing the sacraments there will now be a serious investigation into interindividual priests who are a law unto themselves

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