

RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION OF THOSE WHO WORK IN EVANGELIZATION

INTRODUCTION

The readings and prayers for the Sunday should be used. The following should be observed as appropriate.

In the following or similar words, the presider briefly addresses those present, in order to introduce the celebration.

Today in our Archdiocese we celebrate those who serve in the area of Evangelization.

The mission of the Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that people may come to know Him and be drawn into His love. This mission needs many hands and hearts working together, both in our parishes and in our wider community.

We give thanks today for those who dedicate themselves to evangelization: people who, strengthened by God's Word and the Holy Spirit, joyfully witness to their faith and invite others into a relationship with Jesus.

Evangelization is at the heart of who we are as Church. It is one of the four Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, and it calls each of us to share our faith and to help build up the kingdom of God in our midst.

Today we ask God's blessing on those serving in this ministry in *N.* parish, praying that the Holy Spirit will give them the courage, love, and joy they need in their service.

The penitential rite continues as usual. On a Sunday, the Glory to God follows, except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

COLLECT

The Collect is taken from the Mass of the day or from the Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples (*Roman Missal pp. 1268-1270*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings are taken from the liturgy of the day.

HOMILY

In the homily, the presider relates the readings to the mystery of Christ being celebrated and, as circumstances require, may give a brief explanation of the ministries in the Parish.

This would be an ideal occasion to preach on the pastoral priority of Evangelization and how it is being experienced and lived out in the local parish.

RECOGNITION

After the homily, the presider says:

Let those who work in Evangelization please come forward.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The presider says:

Let us pray.

All pray silently for a while.

Then the presider extends his hands and continues:

Lord God, you have called men and women in every age
to help build your kingdom on earth.

Bless these your servants + who dedicate themselves
to the work of evangelization in our Parish.

Fill them with your Spirit,
that they may lead others into a living relationship with your Son, Jesus.

Strengthen them in faith, courage, and joy,
and guide them to a deeper service of your holy Church.

Through their words and witness,
may many come to know your love,
and may their labor bear lasting fruit for your kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

All:
Amen.

PRESENTATION

The presider may present a Bible or a New Testament or some other sign or tool for ministry to those who have been commissioned. These or similar words may be used individually or for the entire group.

N., receive the Word of God.
Be faithful to the Gospel you proclaim in word and deed, and may you build up the faith and love of the Church through the work of evangelization.

They respond:
Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

All return to their places and the Universal Prayer follows.
Some or all of the following prayers should be used and may be adapted according to the circumstances of the parish.

1. For all the nations of the world, that they may hear the Good News of salvation and come to know the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.
2. For those serving in evangelization in our parish and across the Archdiocese, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit with courage, zeal, and love for souls.
3. For a new generation of builders, especially among the young people in our communities, that they may answer God's call to help build, brick by brick, the city of God within the city of man, and work with Him to establish a civilization of love.
4. For all of us gathered here, that we may be drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ, and become missionary disciples who build up the kingdom of God in our local Church.

The Profession of Faith is said or sung.

The celebration of the Eucharist continues as usual. It is appropriate for some of the catechists to present the gifts of bread and wine for the celebration.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The presider says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your Spirit.,

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,
the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Then the deacon, or in the absence of a deacon the priest himself, says the dismissal using one of the four options given in the Roman Missal.

1. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
2. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
3. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
4. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.