

RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION OF THOSE WHO WORK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 Social Justice.

As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbour, to defend the dignity of every person, and to work for a more just and compassionate society. The Church's mission of social justice is lived out in many ways—in works of mercy, in advocacy, and in the daily witness of Christian charity.

Here in our parish, this mission takes shape in many forms: *[he may name parish initiatives here—such as food banks, emergency shelters, outreach programs, or other ministries]*. Through these efforts, we make present the love of Christ to those who are most in need.

Social justice is one of the four Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. It reminds us that faith and action go hand in hand, and that as a community we are called to build up the kingdom of God by serving the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized.

Today we ask God's blessing on those who serve in these ministries, praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them in compassion, perseverance, and hope.

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.

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 Social Justice 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 Social Justice 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:

God of justice,
Through your Son you have revealed your compassion
and given us the great commandment of love for one another.

Bestow your + blessing on these your servants,
who so generously devote themselves to the needs of others,

especially those who suffer injustice and oppression.

Grant them understanding in their study,
wisdom in their discernment, and patience in their work.
May they not be come discouraged
but know the hope of all who long for your reign.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:

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. That these men and women may help our parish to grow in awareness of the needs of the poor and suffering of our community and world.
2. That we as the People of God may always take seriously the way of justice and peace in our world.
3. That those who suffer because of war, oppression, and greed may know the hope of Christ who brings liberation and peace.

The Profession of Faith is said or sung.

The celebration of the Eucharist continues as usual. It is appropriate for some of the ministers who work in Social Justice to present the gifts of bread and wine for the celebration.