



ORDER FOR BLESSING OF THOSE APPOINTED AS CATECHISTS.

ORDER OF BLESSING WITHIN MASS

During the mass at which the commissioning of catechists will take place, the following general intercessions/prayer of the faithful will be apt.

Celebrant: Since God wills the salvation of all, let us pray to him in these words:

Response: Lord, draw all people to yourself

1. Father, grant that all people will come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. For this we pray...
2. Send workers into the harvest so that your name will be glorified among the nations. For this we pray...
3. You sent the disciples of Jesus to preach the gospel; help us to spread the victory of His cross. For this we pray...
4. Make us docile to the teachings of the apostles and our lives consistent with the truths we believe. For this we pray....
5. As you call us to serve in our brothers and sisters, make us the ministers of your truth. For this we pray....
6. Keep us as faithful ministers of your church, so that, having taught others, we ourselves may be found faithful in your service. For this we pray....
7. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide our hearts and our lips, so that we may remain constant in loving and praising you. For this we pray....

Celebrant: we place these petitions at the feet of God our Father with full faith and confidence that He will grant them through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following Prayer of Blessing can be said over the catechists after the Post Communion prayer. The catechists can be called together near the altar/ asked to kneel in their places.

Celebrant: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from pondering your word and studying the Church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honouring and serving your name. we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

And may almighty God bless you, the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit. Amen.