



THE RITE OF COMMISSIONING

(CATECHISTS OF CHILDREN & YOUTH,
ADULTS, RCIA AND SCHOOL STAFFS)

NEEDED:

1) *Paschal Candle*

2) *Pins and Prayer Cards*

(This Rite of Commissioning occurs after the homily)

PRESIDER:

Sisters and brothers, we are commissioned to proclaim the good news to our neighbours. In going forth to love and to serve our God, we are witnesses to our co-workers, to students, to parents, to parishioners, and to all whom we meet. Our goal is to make Jesus' life and love present in our world today.

A number of men and women among us have expressed a willingness to be actively and visibly involved in this ministry of proclaiming the Word of God. As a Community of Faith, we now call them to the duties which they have chosen, and commission them as catechetical ministers.

(Pastor calls them by name. Each one rises as his/her name is called and comes to the front).

COMMITMENT OF THE SCHOOL STAFFS AND/OR CATECHISTS

(The paschal candle is lit).

PRESIDER:

(To the Catechists and School Staffs)

God has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Are you ready to spread that light in your own individual way by bringing the Word of God to your parish family and school community through prayer, teaching, service, and example?

**CATECHISTS
AND/OR SCHOOL
STAFF:**

We are

PRESIDER: You have accepted your responsibility based on your love for Jesus Christ and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Jesus and to make him the focal point of your life and your teaching?

CATECHISTS

AND/OR SCHOOL STAFF: **We are**

PRESIDER: This community of faith gratefully accepts your willingness to respond to God's call and on its behalf, I commission you to be catechetical ministers in our diocese.

COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY:

PRESIDER: *(To the community)*

We all share in the ministry of proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. My brothers and sisters of _____parish/school, do you pledge your support for these men and women by your prayers and participation in this work of evangelization?

ALL: **We do**

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND PRAYER CARD

(Each catechist, and/or teacher and member of support staff approaches and receives the pin and/or/ prayer card).

PRESIDER: Receive this pin and prayer card as a symbol of your dedication to the goals of Catholic education.

(Following this presentation or at the conclusion of the Rite, a response from the community is appropriate.)

SYMBOLIC BLESSING

PRESIDER: May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ. May you be strengthened to carry out with resolve the ministry he has entrusted to you.

RESPONSE: **Amen**

PRESIDER: May God bless you + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE: **Amen**

PRESIDER: Go now in the peace of Christ.