

Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion (Celebrated During Lent + Outside of Mass)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION/GATHERING HYMN:

GREETING:

PRESIDER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN.

PRESIDER: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

[INTRODUCTION BY THE PRESIDER]

PENITENTIAL ACT:

PRESIDER: My dear friends
now is the acceptable time;
now is the time of our salvation.
Let this time not pass us by, but may we
call out for the mercy of God.

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(Deacon:) You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

PRESIDER: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: AMEN.

COLLECT: *(from the Roman Missal)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

SECOND READING {Mandatory on Sunday/Optional on Weekday}:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL:

HOMILY:

Presider/Deacon

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES:

*[*This Presentation may be made by a Deacon or the RCIA Director/Coordinator]*

***Deacon:** Father *{addressed to priest-president}*,
I present to you the Candidates
who are preparing to be received into the
full communion of the Catholic Church.

They have found strength in God's grace
and support in their community's prayers
and example.

They ask that,
after this Lenten season,
they be admitted to confirmation
and the Eucharist.

***Deacon:** Will the Candidates among us, those who
desire to participate fully in the
sacramental life of the Church, please
stand as your name is called.

† *Each Candidate is now called by name.*

† *Each Candidate stands and remains standing as all names are called.*

AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS AND THE ASSEMBLY

PRESIDER: The Christian life
and the demands that flow from
the sacraments cannot be taken lightly.

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Therefore, before granting these Candidates their request to share fully in the Church's sacraments, it is important that the Church hear the testimony of their sponsors concerning their readiness.

***Deacon:** Sponsors,
I invite you to stand with your Candidates
and to give witness to their readiness.

PRESIDER: **Have these Candidates faithfully listened to the apostles' instruction proclaimed by the Church?**

[Response: They have.]

Have they come to a deeper appreciation of their baptism, in which they were joined to Christ and to his Church?

[Response: They have.]

Have they reflected on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?

[Response: They have.]

Have they advanced in a life of love and service to others?

[Response: They have.]

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PRESIDER: And now I ask you,
my brothers and sisters in this assembly:

Are you ready to support the testimony
expressed about these Candidates,
and include them in your prayer
and affection as we move toward Easter?

[Response: I am/we are.]

ACT OF RECOGNITION

***Deacon:** Will the Candidates please remain standing and all
others please be seated.

PRESIDER: Candidates,
the Church recognizes your desire
to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit
and to have a place
at Christ's Eucharistic table.

Sponsors,
continue to support these Candidates
with your guidance and concern.

May they see in you a love for the Church
and a sincere desire for doing good.

Lead them this Lent
to the joys of the Easter mysteries.

Acclamation: *{An appropriate acclamation may be sung at this time}*

INTERCESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES

PRESIDER: My brothers and sisters,
in beginning this period of Lent,
we look forward to celebrating at Easter
the life-giving mysteries
of our Lord's suffering,
death, and resurrection.

Our Elect and these Candidates,
whom we bring with us
to the Easter sacraments,
will look to us for an example of
Christian renewal.

Let us pray to the Lord for them
and for ourselves,
that we may be renewed by
one another's efforts
and together come to share
the joys of Easter.

† *The Deacon or another appointed individual reads the intercessions from the Ambo:*

Deacon: May our Catechumens always remember this
day of their election, and continue to dedicate their daily
life and work as a pleasing offering to God. We pray...

Deacon: May our Candidates preparing for Confirmation
and Eucharist continue to grow in faithfulness
to their baptismal covenant. We pray...

Deacon: May all who journey with the Elect and
these Candidates -- godparents, sponsors, catechists,
family members, friends, and parish
-- continue to be living

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examples of the Gospel. We pray...

Deacon: May we all spend this Lenten season renewing ourselves through fasting, prayer, and works of charity. We pray...

Deacon: May all who have been hesitant to trust in Christ and to become a part of the community of believers experience God's invitation and call through each of us gathered here today. We pray...

† *Intercessions close with the following prayer:*

PRAYER OVER THE CANDIDATES

PRESIDER: *[With hands outreached over the Candidates:]*

Father of love and power,
it is your will to establish everything in
Christ and to draw us into his all-
embracing love.

Guide these chosen ones:
strengthen them in their vocation,
build them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal them with the Spirit of your
promise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRESIDER
(or Deacon):

Go in peace.

All:

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Closing Hymn:

Recessional



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