

*The children enter their names in the
Book of Enrolment at the altar
as an appropriate hymn or psalm is sung*

INTERCESSIONS

Presider: As our candidates have now been called to complete their Christian Initiation we pray for them and their parents that they will grow strong in faith.

We pray for their parents that they may be living examples of the Gospel. LORD HEAR US

We pray for their teachers and catechists that they may always convey the beauty of God's word to those who search for it.
LORD HEAR US

We pray for their families that they may help them to follow the promptings of the Spirit. LORD HEAR US

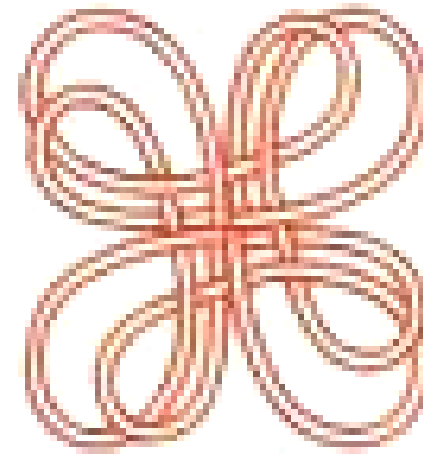
We pray for this parish community that we may grow in charity and be constant in prayer. LORD HEAR US

We pray for these children that they may grow daily in faith and love. LORD HEAR US

PRESIDER: Lord God, bless these chosen children and help them to grow in faith and love as they journey towards the table of the Lord.

Although you cannot yet participate fully in the eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord in the fullness of his Spirit.

Rite of Enrolment



*Liturgical Rites on the way to the completion
of Christian initiation*

Presider: We are gathered here today to affirm God's choice of our candidates for Confirmation and first Holy Communion. So let us listen as our catechist calls each family by name.

Families stand as they are named

Presider: Parents, you have asked to have your child prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation and first Holy Communion. In so doing you are accepting once more the responsibility of helping them to grow in the practice and understanding of the faith, in the love of God and one another as Jesus taught us. Do you understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: I do

Presider: As first and best teachers in the ways of faith I ask you to bear witness before this assembly to your children's growth in faith and readiness for the reception of these sacraments.

Are they being prepared to faithfully listen to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Parents: They are

Are they beginning to respond to God's word and to walk daily in God's presence

Parents: They are

Are they sharing in the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joining with them in prayer?

Parents: They are

INVITATION and ENROLEMENT of NAMES

Presider: And now my dear candidates, I address you. Your parents have spoken in your favour, and I now call you to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion when your preparation is complete.

Since you have heard the call of Christ we ask you to express your own response to his call in the presence of the Church.

Therefore I ask you, do you wish to enter more fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist?

Candidates: We do

Presider: Then come forward to offer your names for enrolment.