

LITANY OF MINISTRIES

A “*Commissioning Service*” of Lay Ministers sets the tone for the year. Reminding parishioners that their work in the parish is their gift back to the Lord. Design this litany to fit the many ministries within your own parish.

In lieu of or in addition to some other celebration of gifts at all Masses during Time and Talent Commitment Weekend, you may wish to use the following Litany of Ministries. Generally, this Litany is celebrated after the Profession of Faith at Mass. Adapt the Litany as needed for your particular parish ministries and activities and your local situation.

Speaker: Today we celebrate with joyful hearts the gifts that our generous God has bestowed upon all of us here at [parish name].

Lector: A reading from Matthew 28:19: *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Speaker: As I announce each ministry, please stand if you are sharing your God-given gifts here at our parish to live out your call to be Christian stewards and follow as His Disciples, the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ...

Lector: “As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” (*ACTS 4:31*)

Speaker: Please stand: our priests and deacons, our lectors, our catechists and religious educators, and those involved in our evangelization ministries.

Pastor: May God continue to bless you and your ministry in proclaiming the word and sharing the Catholic faith with others.

Lector: “*Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.*” (*DEUT 4:5*)

Speaker: Please stand: our extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, RCIA team, baptismal preparation, and those involved in Pre-Cana.

Pastor: May God bless you and your ministry as you prepare others to receive and continue receiving Christ in their lives.

Lector: *“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me.”*
(Matt. 25:40)

Speaker: Please stand: our parish outreach members, St. Vincent de Paul, soup kitchen staff, ministers of consolation and bereavement, those who minister to the divorced and separated, Respect Life, Food and Nutrition Network and those involved with the Public Policy and Education Network.

Pastor: May God bless you and your ministry to secure justice and liberate all who are in need.

Lector: *“Train yourself for devotion. For while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present & future.”* (1 TM 4:7-8)

Speaker: Please stand: our Holy Name Society, Legion of Mary, our Catholic Daughters and those members of our Adoration Society.

Pastor: May God bless you in your ministry of prayer and in your conviction of faith.

Lector: *“So now consider what he has done for you, and praise Him with full voice.”* (TOBIT 13:6)

Speaker: Please stand: our Liturgy Committee and musicians, our Environment Ministry, Hospitality and Greeters, our altar servers, and our annual dance committee.

Pastor: May God bless you with the joy to minister and to celebrate always our Christian Faith.

Lector: *“That you should put away the old self of your former way of life...and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”* (EPH 4:22)

Speaker: Please stand: our Faith Formation team, faith sharing facilitators and members, our young adult and youth ministers, our school teachers and staff, our small Christian communities and our Stewardship Committee members.

Pastor: May God strengthen you in your endeavors to renew others in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Lector: *“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* (1 Peter 4:10)

Speaker: Please stand: our Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee, Archbishop’s Annual Appeal chairperson, and members of the computer ministry.

Pastor: May God bless and instill in you the wisdom to care for the goods of the earth.

Lector: *“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”* (JN 8:12)

Speaker: Please stand: all the faithful members of our parish community.

Pastor: May God bless you as you continue your journey of faith as stewards and disciples of Jesus.

Pastor: Lord God, help us to live out our Baptismal call to be good stewards and follow the example of Jesus. May we be people filled with gratitude for all you have given us. We pray that others may find it in their hearts to recognize and share the gifts you have given them. May all use their gifts wisely in our parish community and in all aspects of everyday life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the One who has shown us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: And may Almighty God bless each one of you who has been given so many gifts in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

