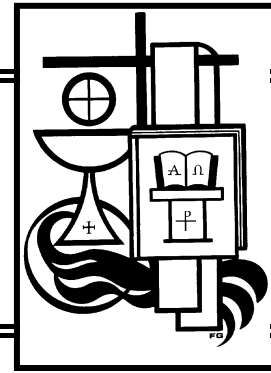


A PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE RCIA TEAM



INTRODUCTORY RITE

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's One foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy Bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation -- one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Leader: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Introduction

Leader: We have been called by God to do his work:
to walk with our brothers and sisters who seek the Risen Lord
and want to learn about the Catholic faith.
It is a privilege to do so.
Let us call on that same God to be with us now.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Heavenly Father,
From age to age you have gathered a people to your self
You sent prophets to sustain your covenant with your chosen people.
You sent your Son to redeem us and to tell us of your great love.
He sent disciples to preach the Good News of our salvation
and countless men and women have since borne witness to this truth.

Give us, then, the grace to share our faith with others,
to explore your sacred Word,
to teach the truths of our Catholic doctrine,
and to pray more fervently.

Renew your gift of life within us
and instill in us a deeper appreciation
of our own Baptism and Confirmation
and a greater reverence for the Eucharist.
For in your word and sacraments,
you continue to save your people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Silent Reflection

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Invitation

Leader: Confident in the love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.

Petitions

Minister: That all our parishioners may invite others to inquire about our faith and may demonstrate each day the joy that it brings, we pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: That those we accept into the Order of Catechumens and those we welcome as fellow Christians, may be supported by our community's prayer and example, we pray...

That those who catechize may faithfully "echo down the Word," we pray...

For all those who serve as godparents and sponsors, we pray...

For all those whom the Church chooses as worthy candidates for the sacraments of initiation and those whom she calls to continuing conversion, we pray...

That in the Lenten season, we may reflect of our own baptismal journey, we pray.

That the scrutinies we celebrate may uncover and heal all that is weak or sinful and strengthen all that is upright and good, we pray...

That our celebration of the Easter Sacraments may remind us all of our participation in the dying and rising of Jesus, we pray.

That we may always continue to "reveal the mysteries" of our sacramental life with Christ and his Church, we pray.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

Collect

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God,
hear the prayers of your Church.
Keep us in your love
and continue to sustain
those who have received new life in baptism.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Blessing

Phil 4:7

Leader: 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, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Leader: May almighty God ✠ bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.