

The Call to Continuing Conversion

ENTRANCE

- ❖ *Plan for a simple entrance hymn or instrumental music can also be played.*
- ❖ *Priest will wear a purple cope. Deacon a purple dalmatic.*
- ❖ *Entrance procession should take place the same way the parish does for Mass. All bow in the usual manner and go to their seats.*
- ❖ *The deacon places the Book of the Gospels on the altar and proceeds to his place (if applicable)*
- ❖ *When the music is completed, the priest, standing at the chair, begins.*
- ❖ *If there is no deacon then the parts have been indicated as either priest or lector.*

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Priest In the name of the Father,
 And of the Son, ✠
 And of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

GREETING

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.

Priest (In his own words or can use this)
Welcome! This gathering marks an important moment in the life of our parish and the Church of Columbus. We celebrate the work that the Holy Spirit doing in you. Each one of you reminds us of the grace that comes from membership in the Church. May God continue working in you.

COLLECT

- ❖ *The Opening Prayer comes from the Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent. If you are holding this rite on another day during the Second Week of Lent, choose the Collect for that day.*

Priest Let us pray,
 O God, who have commanded us to listen to your Beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
All Amen.

- ❖ *All sit.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- ❖ *The readings of the day are used. If you decide to have the rite take place during the week, then you do not need to have a second reading.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- ❖ *Gospel Acclamation of the day is used.*

GOSPEL

- ❖ *Gospel of the day*

HOMILY

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PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

- ❖ *The priest stands; the RCIA Director comes forward, bows at the foot of the Sanctuary and proceeds to the lectern.*

RCIA N. of pastor, I am pleased to present to you the candidates who seek to complete their Christian initiation. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example. Now they ask that after this Lenten season, they be admitted to Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Priest Those who desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, please stand.

AFFIRMATION BY SPONSORS AND THE ASSEMBLY

Priest My dear friends, these candidates, our brothers and sisters; have asked to be able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Those who know them have judged them to be sincere in their desire. During the period of their preparation, they have reflected on the mystery of their baptism and have come to appreciate more deeply the presence of Christ in their lives. They have shared the company of their brothers and sisters, joined with them in prayer, and endeavored to follow Christ's commands more perfectly.

And so, I am prepared to recognize their desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. I ask their sponsors now to state their opinion once again, so that all of you may hear.

Sponsors, do you consider these candidates ready to receive the

sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist?

Sponsors We do.

Priest Now I ask you, the members of this community—Are you willing to affirm the testimony expressed about these candidates and support them in faith, prayer, and example as they prepare to participate more fully in the Church's sacraments?

All We are.

ACT OF RECOGNITION

Priest Dear 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. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.

Candidates Thanks be to God.

Priest 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Deacon/Priest **Will Candidates, please kneel.
Sponsors, and all present, please stand.**

INTRODUCTION

Priest **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.**

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 God for them and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by one another's efforts and together come to share

the joys of Easter.

INTERCESSIONS

❖ After each intercession, please say, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Deacon/Lector May these candidates experience the joy of your presence in their daily lives. May they always seek to know and love you throughout the journey of life, we beseech you O Lord....

Deacon/Lector Throughout time, you have inspired men and women to search for the Truth, thus leading them to you. We ask that you continue to guide candidates to hunger for greater knowledge of your truth through prayer, reading and service. May the journey they have begun this day continue all the days of their life; we beseech you O Lord...

Deacon/Lector Grant to these candidates a heart that is fearless and an openness to hearing and following your will. May their commitment to Christ and his Church be seen as a pleasing offering, a witness of life and the search for holiness so that all may be touched and led to you through their zeal, we beseech you O Lord...

Deacon/Lector Be a guide for these candidates as they journey to the Easter Sacraments. Grant them solace in their anxieties, perseverance in their resolve and a sure knowledge that you alone will fill the desire of their hearts, today, tomorrow and forever. We beseech you O Lord...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest O God of abundant compassion and healing,
in your love and mercy, you take our broken lives
and make them whole again. Grant these chosen ones the fortitude
to follow your Son, Jesus in spirit and truth, ever living the
commitment they have made this day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING

Priest **The Lord be with you.**
All And with your spirit.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon/Priest Bow down for the blessing.

Priest 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.

BLESSING

Priest May almighty God bless you,
 ✠ The Father, ✠ the Son,
 and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon/Priest Go in Peace.
All Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL

❖ *You may want to have an instrumental postlude at this time instead of a hymn.*



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