

ORDER OF INSTALLATION OF A NEW PASTOR WITHIN MASS WHEN A DELEGATED BISHOP PRESIDES

When a Bishop who is not the ordinary is present, he is the celebrant of the Eucharist and the new Pastor concelebrates with him.

It is fitting that the new Pastor proclaims the gospel reading.

PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

After the gospel, the Pastor-elect stands before the Bishop and is presented to him by another priest preferably the Dean of the deanery or a deacon who uses these words:

Bishop Mike, after consulting with the clergy and the laity of the archdiocese, Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller has chosen the Reverend Rudy Carrola, Jr. as the new Pastor of this parish. I now have the pleasure of presenting him to you and to the people of this parish.

PROCLAMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT

The Bishop responds:

My dear sisters and brothers, because Archbishop Gustavo is aware of your pastoral needs and is confident of Father Rudy's qualifications for the office of Pastor, he has asked me to express, in his name, his pastoral concern for the people of this parish, and he commends Father Rudy to you as your new Pastor.

WELCOME BY THE PEOPLE

The Bishop may then invite the people to express their approval and support of their new Pastor.

HOMILY

PRESENTATIONS

The Pastor stands before the Bishop who introduces him to various groups of the parish.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

The priests, deacons, and other members of the parish staff are called forward and are presented to the new Pastor by the Bishop:

Rudy, my brother, Deacon David Burkart, will assist you in the pastoral care of the people of this parish. Share this ministry in a spirit of mutual trust, common prayer, and genuine concern.

The new Pastor is greeted by his associates in the parish ministry.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish Pastoral Council is called forward and presented to the Pastor by the Bishop:

Father Rudy, this is the Pastoral Council of Sacred Heart, Comfort and St. Anthony, Harper parishes. It is the voice of your people and will assist and counsel you as you minister to this parish. Always be attentive to the needs they express.

Then the new Pastor faces the parish Pastoral Council and says:

My friends, I pledge to seek your counsel, guidance, and advice in the spiritual and temporal care of my Pastorate.

The members of the parish Pastoral Council immediately come forward and greet the new Pastor.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The parish Finance Council is called forward and the Bishop presents them to the new Pastor:

Father Rudy, this is the Finance Council of Sacred Heart, Comfort and St. Anthony, Harper parishes. These parishioners have been brought together to advise you in your

stewardship of the parish's financial assets and in its legal affairs.

The members of the parish Finance Council immediately come forward and greet the new Pastor.

PROFESSIONS AND DECREES

The emcee or deacon places the decrees to be signed and the Book of the Gospels on the altar. The Bishop and new Pastor move to the altar and face the people.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND OATH OF FIDELITY

The Bishop then addresses the new Pastor, who turns to face him:

Remember, my brother Rudy, always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of your people, so that you may lead them to Christ who will strengthen all that you do.

As a teacher of that faith, I ask you now to lead your people in the Profession of Faith.

The new Pastor then faces the people, places his hand on the Book of Gospels, and leads them in the Nicene Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

At the conclusion of the Nicene Creed, the new Pastor alone recites the following oath of fidelity, keeping his hand on the Book of the Gospels:

With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgment or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed by the Church definitely regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submissions of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.

So help me God and these Holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Upon completion of the profession both the Bishop and the new Pastor sign the “Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity” decree.

DECREE OF POSSESSION

The **Bishop reads aloud** the “Decree of Possession”, and after his recitation both the Bishop and the new Pastor sign the decree.

After the signing of the “Decree of Possession”, the Intercessions are prayed and Mass continues in the usual manner.

INTERCESSIONS

Bishop: **My sisters and brothers, let us now pray for the Church and its leaders, especially the newly installed Pastor of this parish, and for the needs of all people.**

Deacon/Lector: For Francis, our pope, for Gustavo, our Archbishop, for Michael, our Bishop and all the bishops of the Church, that they may lead us to a more faithful living of the Gospel. Let us pray. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Father Rudy, our new Pastor, that he may always show us love and compassion. Let us pray. **R/.**

For peace and justice in the world and for the conversion of those who have hardened their hearts to the needs of their brothers and sisters. Let us pray. **R/.**

For the poor of our community and throughout the world, that we may be responsive to their needs and share with them from our bounty. Let us pray. **R/.**

For vocations, that the Lord may call an abundance of young men to the priesthood and many men and women to religious life. Let us pray. **R/.**

For ourselves, that we who form the parishes of Sacred Heart, Comfort and St. Anthony, Harper may work together to proclaim the good news of Christ's love. Let us pray. **R/.**

Bishop: **Gracious God, you have nourished and protected your Church by providing it with pastors who are stewards of your word and sacraments. Strengthen our brother Rudy as he begins this new ministry among us, and help us all to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.**