Order of Installation Of a Pastor Within Mass When A Priest Presides

Diocese of Lafayette
Louisiana

INTRODUCTION
EXCERPTS
FROM THE BOOK OF BLESSINGS

2014. When the diocesan bishop is present, he is the celebrant of the Eucharist and the new pastor concelebrates with him.

If the bishop is not present, the priest who represents the bishop greets the people and presides over the rite of installation. The new pastor is the celebrant of the remainder of the liturgy, beginning with the opening prayer.

2016. The…parish trustees should be seated in the front of the church and, if desired, they may take part in the entrance procession.

2017. The Mass of the day is celebrated.

2018. The required oaths are signed after Mass.

2019. The new pastor may briefly address the people immediately after the prayer after communion.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

After the greeting, the pastor-elect stands before the priest who has been appointed by the bishop to preside at the installation and is presented to him by another priest or deacon who uses these or other appropriate words:

Father (or Msgr.) N., after consulting with the clergy and laity of the diocese, Bishop Deshotel has chosen the Reverend N. N. 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 presiding priest responds:

My dear friends, because Bishop Deshotel is aware of your pastoral needs and is confident of Father N.'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 N. to you as your new pastor.

WELCOME BY THE PEOPLE

The presiding priest may then invite the people to express their approval and support of their new pastor.

PRESENTATIONS

The presiding priest introduces the new pastor to various groups of the parish.

Presentation of the Parish Clergy and Staff

The priests, deacons, and other members of the parish staff are presented to the new pastor by the presiding priest:

N., my brother, Father N.N., Deacon N.N., and N.N. 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 Trustees

The parish trustees come forward and the bishop presents them to the new pastor:

Father N., N.N. and N.N. are the civil trustees of this parish. As the lay officers of the parish corporation they will share with you the responsibility for the parish's corporate and legal affairs.

Conclusion of the Rite of Installation

Next the presiding priest addresses the new pastor, who stands facing him:

Remember, my brother N., 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.

The new pastor then takes his place at the celebrant's chair and, after inviting the people to pray, says the opening prayer of the Mass. The Mass continues as usual and the new pastor presides over the remainder of the celebration.

Profession of Faith and Oath

At the conclusion of the profession of faith (Nicene Creed), the pastor recites the following oath:

**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 definitively
regarding teaching on faith and morals.**

**Moreover, I adhere with religious submission 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.**

General Intercessions

The following general intercessions may be used. Additional intentions may be added, if desired.

The celebrant says:

Let us now pray for the Church and its leaders, especially the new pastor of this parish, and for the needs of all people.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Assisting minister:

For N., our pope, for N., our bishop, and all the bishops of the Church, that they may lead us to a more faithful living of the gospel, we pray to the Lord. ℟.

Assisting minister:

For N., our new pastor, that he may always show us love and compassion, we pray to the Lord. Rx.

Assisting minister:

For all who contribute their time and talent to this parish, that their service to the Church may help us to know the message of Christ, we pray to the Lord. Rx.

Assisting minister:

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, we pray to the Lord. Rx.

Assisting minister:

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, we pray to the Lord. Rx.

Assisting minister:

For ourselves, that we who form the parish of N. may work together to proclaim the good news of Christ's love, we pray to the Lord. Rx.

The celebrant then says the concluding prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
in Christ your Son
you have shown your glory to the world.
Guide the work of your Church:
help it to proclaim your name,
to persevere in faith
and to bring your salvation to people everywhere.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Rx. **Amen.**

The Mass continues with the preparation of the altar and the gifts.