

Commissioning Service

Faith Formation Plans

“Remain in Me... Bear Fruit” (Summer Sending)

1. Opening Prayer

Leader:

Lord Jesus,
you have walked with us throughout this year—
teaching us, forming us, and calling us deeper.

As we come to the close of this season,
remind us that your mission does not pause
and your invitation does not end.

Send us forth now
to live what we have received.
Amen.

2. Scripture Proclamation

Proclaim: **John 15:16** “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.”

3. Brief Reflection (Leader)

Leader:

This year was not simply about learning— it was about becoming.
The commitments you made were not for a season... they were for a way of life.
Summer is not a break from discipleship. It is an opportunity to live it more freely:

- in your homes
- in your families
- in your daily routines

The Lord now sends you out to continue what He has begun in you.

4. Invitation to Review Commitments

Leader:

Take a moment to look again at your Faith Formation Plan.

- Which commitment has taken root?
- Where have you seen fruit?
- What is the Lord asking you to remain faithful to this summer?

(1–2 minutes of silence)

5. Prayer of Continuity

(All pray together)

Lord Jesus,
thank you for the work you have begun in me.

As I enter this summer season,
help me to remain faithful
to the commitments I have made.

When I grow distracted, call me back.
When I grow tired, strengthen me.
When I forget, remind me of your presence.

May my faith continue to grow
in the ordinary moments of daily life.
Amen.

6. Intercessory Prayer

Leader:

Confident in God's continued presence, we pray:

Response: *Lord, guide us in your mission.*

- For the Church, that we may continue to form disciples in every season...
- For our parishes, that they may support families beyond structured programs...
- For all gathered here, that they may remain faithful to their commitments this summer...
- For families, that homes may become places of prayer, conversation, and faith...
- For those who struggle with consistency, that they may be strengthened by grace...

(Optional: invite spontaneous intentions)

7. Commissioning

Leader:

Please stand.

(Pause)

The Lord has called you,
formed you,
and now sends you.

Do you commit to continuing your growth as disciples of Jesus Christ
through the summer months,
remaining faithful to the commitments you have made?

All respond:

I do.

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Leader:

Lord Jesus,
you send these your disciples
into their homes, their families, and their daily lives.

Bless them in their commitments.
Strengthen them in moments of weakness.
Remind them that you walk with them always.

May they bear fruit that lasts—
not only in this season,
but in all the days ahead.
Amen.

8. Sending Forth

Leader:

Go forth in peace,
remaining in Christ
and living the faith you have received.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Summer Faith Prompt Card

Include 3 simple reminders:

- *Pray together once a week*
- *Talk about faith at one meal*
- *Do one act of love each week*