

“GO FORTH AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS”



# ECF Catechist Commissioning

HAS BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE AS A CATECHIST IN  
EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR 2023-2024.

*God Grant You Many Happy and Blessed Years!*

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## ECF Catechist Commissioning The Rite of Blessing of Catechists

**Celebrant:** For the full pastoral activity of the Church, the cooperation of a great many people is needed so that individuals as well as whole communities may advance to full maturity in Christ and a truly spiritual way of life through instruction in the Christian faith, prayer, and life that flows from the font of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to the ministry of Catechesis. Enlightened by God’s Holy Word and the teachings of the Church, Catechists seek to impart to others the light and life of that Word, calling to mind the commission of the Lord to His disciples and apostles: “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them all that I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the age.” (Matt. 28: 19-20). In this celebration today, we will bless the name of the Lord for giving us such co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, and pray that through the Holy Spirit, they will receive the grace they need in their service to the Church.

Now I ask you, *name(s)*, are you willing to faithfully exercise the ministry of Catechesis in our parish?

**Catechist(s):** With the help of God’s grace, I am ready and willing to serve as a Catechist of this parish and be a good steward of faith entrusted to the saints.

**Celebrant:** With your blessing, Lord, strengthen these Your servants in their commitment to dedicate themselves as Catechists - teachers of the Gospel. Grant that they will faithfully strive to share with others what they themselves have received from Your Word through the voice of the Church. Let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your Most Holy Name.

**All:** Amen. *The Certificate is now presented. Each Catechist comes forward and kisses the Cross and receives a blessing.*



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## ECF Catechist Commissioning The Rite of Blessing of Children

**Celebrant:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Who embraced the little children when they were brought to You, and laying Your hands upon them blessed them saying: *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these; and their angels ever see the face of my Father,”* we beg of You to look with favor upon the innocence of these children here present and on the sincere devotion of their parents and godparents, and ask You to bless them today through this our ministry. Let them advance in Your grace and goodness, so that they might better know, love, serve, and praise You, and happily reach their blessed destiny in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We ask this of You, O Savior of the world, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

May God bless you, and may He, along with the Holy Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, guard your hearts and your understanding: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.



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## ECF Catechist Commissioning Special Petitions for Catechetical Year

**O Loving Lord**, in Your Mercy look with favor upon your servants, our Catechists, who turn to Your loving kindness in faith. Hear their petitions and bless their good intentions as they undertake this new and fruitful year of catechetical ministry in our parish. Let them begin and end well and in all things act always for Your glory. O hear us, we pray You, and have mercy.

**O Lord**, You give aid to all who do good, and so in Your mercy assist these Your Catechists for whom we fervently pray, and bless their ministry of instruction in Christian faith, prayer, and life. Almighty Lord, hear us, we pray You, and have mercy.

**Most Merciful Lord**, assign to them a holy angel to aid them along their way so that they may overcome any obstacle in the task of faithful teaching, and to joyfully inspire them in the cultivation of the gifts of faith, hope, and love in those they serve. Hear us, we pray You, and have mercy.

**O Lord, our Light and Life**, You give us a share in Your great glory; grant Your Catechists all things that are needful to carry out the ministry to which You have called them, that they might truly be salt and light in our parish and world. Give them health, long life and the bountiful joy of faithful stewards, steadfast in the hope of the rewards that are to come. O generous Creator, hear us, we pray You and have mercy.



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