

RITE FOR COMMISSIONING MINISTERS FOR LECTORS, SERVERS, ETC.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

After the homily celebrant calls those to be commissioned forward.

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ, our brothers and sisters, **N.** are to be entrusted with the important duties of serving as lectors and servers at the daily Mass here at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

Addressing the candidates.

Celebrant:

In this ministry, you must be examples of Christian living, in faith and conduct you must strive to grow in holiness as a minister of the church. Remember that through your witness others are drawn to the blessing of the Mass and are united more intimately with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As ministers of the Mass be especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbor. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them: "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

EXAMINATION

After the address the candidates stand before the celebrant, who asks them these questions:

Celebrant:

Are you resolved to undertake the ministry of serving and lecturing faithfully to your brothers and sisters, and so serve to build up the Church?

R/ I am.

Are you resolved to administer these roles with the utmost care and reverence?

R/ I am.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

All stand. The candidates bow their heads and the celebrant invites the faithful to pray:

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ, let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessing on our brothers and sisters, chosen to be ministers of the Mass.

Merciful Father,
creator and guide of your family,
bless ✠our brothers and sisters **N**.

May they serve you and share your Word faithfully to your people.

Strengthened by this sacrament,
may they come at last to the banquet of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.