

LITURGY PREPARATION FOR THE

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

(see RCIA 147-149, 178ff)

The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer is to be celebrated with the elect and with candidates for whom the presentation seems appropriate (see RCIA 407).

Questions to Prepare for the Rite

BEFORE THE RITE

1. When will the Presentation be celebrated?

The Rite is preferably celebrated at a weekday parish Mass in the fifth week of Lent (see RCIA 178). It could also take place at the catechetical session within a Liturgy of the Word.

2. How will you inform the parish that this Rite will be taking place?

Announcements could be made for several weeks before the Rite at all Masses and communicated in other ways (e.g., in the bulletin, on a website, at parish meetings, etc.). On the day of the Rite, the coordinator or celebrant could make a brief announcement before the Rite begins.

3. Who will participate in the Presentation?

In addition to the elect, uncatechized candidates may participate in this Rite.

4. Where will the elect and their godparents, and the candidates and their sponsors, be seated?

It might be helpful to seat each group on different sides of the center aisle or in different pews.

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5. Which readings will be proclaimed? If at a weekday Mass, how will the lectors and homilist be informed?

Specific readings are suggested for this Rite (see RCIA 179), which replace the weekday readings.

6. Where will the elect and candidates stand when they are called forward (see RCIA 180)?

In their pews? At the front of the church? Down the center aisle?

7. Will the elect and candidates receive a copy of the Lord's Prayer?

Though there is no explicit instruction to do so in the Rite, a copy of the Lord's Prayer may be given to the elect and candidates. If feasible, pre-printed, frameable copies can be purchased by the parish for this purpose.

8. How will the Lord's Prayer be given to the elect and candidates?

The celebrant or other minister could say the following sentence or other similar words while presenting the Lord's Prayer to each person: "Receive the Lord's Prayer that you might pray as Jesus taught us."

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

9. How will the candidates be included in this prayer?

If candidates participate in this Rite, you will need to modify the prayer in RCIA 182 to include them.

DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

10. Will the elect be dismissed? Will the candidates be invited to join them?

Where will they go? Who will lead the Reflection on the Word session?

Checklist

- Reserved pews
- Script for presider, musicians, etc.
- Worship aid for the congregation (handout explaining the Rite and/or with desired liturgical responses)
- Lectionary prepared with the readings
- Copies of the Lord's Prayer to present to elect (and candidates)