



Commissioning Sunday

*Adapted from Commissioning Service of St. Gabriel Catholic Church
Charlotte, NC*

Celebrant: Loving God, you gave us Faith as a means to know you and your Son. We have joined together here today to demonstrate to you and our brothers and sisters in faith at (Name of Church) that we hear your call to serve each other.

There are no small tasks in your vineyard. Each and every effort we make as individuals is made “in Communion” with our entire community. Each task receives value by your grace upon those who give and those who receive.

Inspire each of us to know that genuine faith in you and in your Son is best expressed by our love for and commitment to each other.

Deacon or Lector: As leaders and members of councils, commissions, and organizations are identified, please stand and remain standing as you are joined by other groups in acknowledgement of your commitment and good works. Our response is:
“Lord, bless your faithful people.”

(Each parish should adapt this service to include their own names of active organizations and ministries.)

Will those who serve our parish as members of the staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, Building Committee, or Tithing Committee please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray that they may have the gifts of good judgement, openness to all, courage and fortitude to discern your will.....Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve on the Education Commission, our faith formation teachers, Catholic school teachers, Bible study leaders, and those who volunteer in any way in our Faith Formation program please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray that they may have zeal to present the teaching of scripture and tradition to all and that they may live these teachings in their own lives....Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve on the Liturgical Commission and those men, women, and children who help to bring the liturgies to life: announcers, lectors, the Eucharistic ministers who assist during Mass and who bring Communion to those who are homebound, altar servers, the Perpetual Adoration volunteers please stand and remain standing. (Pause) we pray that they will make our time of prayer and worship a time of growing closer to the Lord so that we may be nourished with God’s word and the Body and Blood of Jesus...Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve at our liturgies as, ushers and greeters, Sacristans, Altar Society, and art and environment designers please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray that they will continue to offer us the spirit of friendship, hospitality and love and that they will provide us with the reverent physical atmosphere to worship....Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve in Music Ministry: the cantors, the parish choir, contemporary ensemble, youth choir, the children's choir, and the instrumentalists please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray they will use their talents to lead us in song and prayer through the lifting up of our hearts and voices...Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless you faithful people.

Will those who serve on the Evangelization committee and the RCIA process stand and remain standing. (Pause) we pray that they will truly spread the Good News of Salvation and peace to all who search for union with God...Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve in the Family Life Ministries...Cluster Leaders, Wednesday Night Gathering, Scouting, Young Singles, Marries Ministry, Christian Mothers, Morning woman's Club, Men's club, Handmaids of Mary, the OWLS, the Memory Makers, Round Robin Bridge, and the Athletic Association please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray that through our organizations we may experience a stronger sense of family based upon our common faith...Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who serve in our Community Life Ministries...Cropwalk, Friendship Trays, Habitat for Humanity, Men's Shelter, Pathfinders, Bereavement, COPING, Adult Tutoring, Blood Mobile, Crisis Assistance, Hospice, Respect Life, St. Vincent de Paul Society, please stand and remain standing. (Pause) We pray they will have the dedication to reach out to others in our city and county and that they will truly assist the many needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will those who are in service to our parish as church office volunteers, coffee & donut servers, drivers who provide rides, parish newsletter, registration Sunday welcomers, stuffers and folders, reception servers, visitors to homebound, nursery workers please stand and remain standing (Pause) We pray that the tasks of communications, service and fellowship within our parish will truly be an extension of the hospitality that Jesus, himself, provides to all who call upon him.. Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Will all of those whose talents and service often go unrecognized in our parish, those who pray daily for the people of this parish, please stand and remain standing. We pray that all of us recognize our calling to pray for the people our parish, especially those who are serving the parish in active ministry, those who are sick and homebound, and those who lead us in ministry, prayer and worship. Let us pray.

R/ Lord, bless your faithful people.

Celebrant: Loving and Gracious God, we are blessed and we thank you for the richness you place in our lives. Fill our hearts with gratitude so that we may joyfully share our wondrous gifts of time, talent and treasure. Help us to be ever mindful of the needs of our parish family. Teach us to be good and faithful stewards. Show us how to take good care of each other and the world that you have entrusted to us. We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.