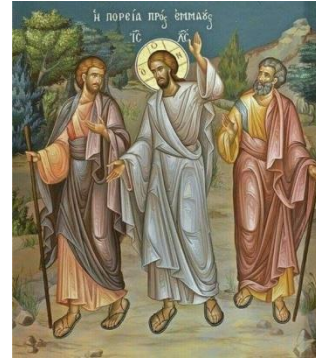


Rite of Blessing of Catechists



Celebrant: For the pastoral activity of the Church the cooperation of a great many people is needed, so that communities as well as individuals may advance to full maturity in faith and continually show forth their faith through the celebration of the liturgy, through study and through the manner of their life. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. Enlightened by God's Word and the teaching of the Church, catechists impart to others the teaching of the Church, catechists impart to others an initiation or a deeper formation in those realities that they themselves have learned as truths to be followed in living and to be celebrated in liturgy. In this celebration, we will bless the name of the Lord for giving us such co-workers 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 of Catechist), are you willing to exercise the ministry of catechesis in our parish?

Catechist: With the assistance of God's grace, I am ready and willing to serve as a catechist of this parish, be a good steward of what God has entrusted to me.

Celebrant: With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from meditating upon your word and studying the Church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your name.

All: Amen.

Certificate is now presented. Each catechist comes forward and kisses the Cross and receives a blessing