

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates may be presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be presented by their godparents or sponsors.

Either

At the baptism of infants, the president addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Do not stop them’.

We thank God for *N and N* who *have* come to be baptized today.

Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *these children* as *they begin their* journey of faith?

All

We will.

Will you help *them* to live and grow within God’s family?

All

We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *N and N* today.

Will you pray for *them*,

and help *them* to follow Christ?

We will.

Or

The president asks those candidates for baptism who are able to answer for themselves

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Testimony by the candidate(s) may follow.

The president addresses the whole congregation

We thank God for *N and N* who *have* come to be baptized today.

Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.

Will you support *them* on *their* journey of faith?

All

We will.

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