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

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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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