

# ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

## INTRODUCTION

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1. *The archbishop is the usual celebrant of this Rite.*
2. *The archbishop is the celebrant of the Eucharist and the new pastor concelebrates with him.*
3. *The members of the Parish Council and the Parish Staff should be seated in the front of the church, and, if desired, may take part in the entrance procession.*
4. *The mass of the day is celebrated.*
5. *The required oath is signed after mass.*
6. *The new pastor may briefly address the people after the prayer after Communion.*
7. *According to pastoral circumstances the archbishop may adapt or omit particular elements of this rite.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

2022. *After the gospel, the pastor-elect stands before the archbishop, who addresses the people in these or similar words:*

**My dear friends,  
because I am aware of your pastoral needs  
and am confident of Father qualifications  
for the office of pastor, I now commend Father  
to you as your new pastor.**

**WELCOME BY THE PEOPLE**

2023. *The archbishop may then invite the people to express their approval and support of their new pastor.*

## HOMILY

2024. *The archbishop in the homily, based on the sacred text and pertinent to the particular place and the people involved, explains the meaning of the celebration.*



2030. *The pastor then faces the people and leads them in the profession of faith (Nicene Creed).*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*At the conclusion of the profession of faith, the pastor faces the archbishop and recites the following oath:*

**With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in the word of God, whether written or handed down in Tradition, which the Church, either by a solemn judgment or by the ordinary and universal Magisterium, sets forth to be believed as divinely revealed.**

**I also firmly accept and hold each and everything definitively proposed by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.**

**Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise their authentic Magisterium, even if they do not intend to proclaim these teachings by a definitive act.**

*The pastor returns to his place.*

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*2031. The archbishop introduces the general intercessions using these or similar words. Additional intentions may be added, if desired.*

**Let us now pray for the Church and its leaders, especially the new pastor of this parish, and for the needs of all people.**

**℟** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Assisting minister:*

**For \_\_\_\_\_, our pope, for \_\_\_\_\_, our bishop, and all the bishops of the Church, that they may lead us to a more faithful living of the gospel, we pray to the Lord. ℟.**

*Assisting minister:*

**For \_\_\_\_\_, our new pastor, that he may always show us love and compassion, we pray to the Lord. ℟**

*Assisting minister:*

**For all who contribute their time and talent to this parish, that their service to the Church may help us to know the message of Christ, we pray to the Lord. ℟**

*Assisting minister:*

**For peace and justice in the world  
and for the conversion of those who have hardened their hearts  
to the needs of their brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord. R**

*Assisting minister:*

**For the poor of our community and throughout the world,  
that we may be responsive to their needs  
and share with them from our bounty, we pray to the Lord. R**

*Assisting minister:*

**For ourselves, that we who form the parish of  
may work together to proclaim the good news of Christ's love,  
we pray to the Lord. R**

*2032. The archbishop then says the concluding prayer:*

**Gracious God,  
you have nourished and protected your Church  
by providing it with pastors who are stewards of your word and  
sacraments. Strengthen our brother \_\_\_\_\_ as he  
begins a new ministry among us, and help us all to follow your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.**

**R** Amen.

*2033. The Mass continues with the preparation of the altar and the gifts.*

*The Oath of Fidelity is signed after Mass in private.*