

## Final Rite:

### A Rite of Parish Celebration Welcoming the Newly Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirmed

*During the Prayers of the People (immediately before the Peace), the sponsors presents the baptized to the celebrant with these or other words:*

#### The Presentation

*Sponsors* We present to you these persons who have been Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirmed as baptized members of the Body of Christ so that we may welcome them anew to our community.

*Celebrant* Have they faithfully completed their process of formation and, having received the laying on of hands and prayer by a bishop in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, has the Church invoked the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in this decision?

*Sponsors* They have completed their formation, received the laying on of hands by a bishop, and we, the Church, have indeed prayed for the Spirit's strength in their lives.

#### The Examination

*Celebrant* What have you sought?

*Answer* Renewal of my life in Christ.

*Celebrant* In baptism, you died with Christ Jesus to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Having studied carefully the promises made at your baptism, will you continue to strive to keep them in the fellowship of this community and the Church?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you worship God regularly with us, eager to hear God's word and to celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you participate in a life of service to those who are poor, outcast, and powerless?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you and discern how they are to be used in the building up of God's reign of peace and justice?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant then addresses those who have sponsored the candidates,*

*Celebrant* You were chosen by these candidates to serve as their companions throughout this journey. Will you continue to support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

*Sponsors* We will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation.*

*Celebrant* Will you who have been a part of this new beginning keep these persons in your prayers?

*People* **We will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you eagerly invite them into the ministry of Christ that we share in this place?

*People* **We will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these your brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

*People* **We will, with God's help.**

## **The Welcome**

*Those being presented remain standing. The sponsors place a hand on their shoulders. The Celebrant extends both hands toward the baptized, saying,*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, our God, our Maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, we were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Continually renew *N., N.*, your servants in your Holy Spirit, that they may grow as members of Christ. Strengthen their union with the rest of Christ's Body as they join us in our life of praise and service; through the same, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Please welcome your brothers and sisters who have renewed their baptismal promises.

*People* **By virtue of your baptism we recognize you as members of the household of God. Through your choice to reaffirm the promises of your baptism we invite you continue to join us in the ministry of Christ. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*