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BLESSING LITURGICAL MINISTERS  
Nov. 20 & 21, 2010

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EACH MINISTRY**

**Joann:** Today, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and bring another Liturgical Year to a close, it is fitting that we ask God to bless the work of our many liturgical ministers.

In the body of Christ there exists a wonderful variety of ministries, which are especially evident when we gather around the altar to worship God.

We are grateful to each of you who take on the special tasks that are part of our Mass. Yours is a share in the work of the Lord's Spirit who calls God's people to prayer.

*As I acknowledge each of your ministries, please stand and remain standing as all the ministries are named.*

Those who care for our Church and make it beautiful for our celebrations – who arrange flowers and plants, care for the Altar Cloths and vestments, put up banners and other signs of our seasons and celebrations. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is the task of preparing the house of the Lord, and in your work you help to prepare the way of the Lord.

**Joann:** Our ministers of Hospitality – both Adult & Junior Ushers, and our Baptism Sponsors. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is the Lord's face and voice for those who enter and depart this place where we worship together.

**Joann:** Our Musicians – all Cantors, Accompanists, and Choir Members. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is a ministry that gathers our many voices into one grand choir of praise.

**Joann:** Those who prepare plans for our celebrations and who write the General Intercessions. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is the task of helping God's people to shape a prayer that they can raise up to the Lord.

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**Joann:** The young people who are our Altar Servers. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Your ministry makes it possible for the Priest to give full attention to the prayers that we all share.

**Joann:** Those who proclaim the Word as Lectors. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is the task of telling our family story, the story of salvation.

**Joann:** Those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass and who take communion to the sick. *(please stand)*

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Yours is the work of ministering Christ's body and blood. You name for each of us the gifts we have offered and the gifts we receive.

### **MINISTERS PLEDGE / PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
you have been called to share your gifts with us  
when we gather for Mass.

Are you prepared to exercise your ministry  
with faith, devotion and love?

**Ministers:** I am.

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Gracious God,  
Bless our brothers and sisters,  
who have responded to the needs of our parish  
and who commit themselves to your service.  
We pray that they may serve with generous hearts,  
trusting in your guidance,  
so that they may accomplish your work in our midst.  
We ask this in the name of your son and our King, Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to be servants of all.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **ROLE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Joann:** The Second Vatican Council called for the “full, conscious and active” participation of all the Assembly when we gather to celebrate Liturgy. Indeed, all of us are called to serve in our own special way every time that we come to Mass.

*So now, I invite you all to stand in acknowledgement of the part that you play in our celebration each week.*

Many of you have brought up the gifts, lit the candles of the Advent wreath, had your feet washed, and participated in processions and special rituals. How ever you choose to participate, in the union of your words, songs and gestures our God is made visible.

**Fr. Ron or Dick:** Lord God,  
you give to each person  
the gift of your Spirit for the building up of the Church.  
Bless us and keep us all in your love.  
Grant that our ministry may be fruitful  
and our worship pleasing in your sight.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

***Proceed to the Intercessions***