

INTERCESSIONS

PRESIDER: We pray now for our candidates that God's word will give them life:

PARENT 1: We pray that the book of the Gospel, which our candidates have received, may enlighten and inspire them to know, love and follow Jesus throughout their lives.

LORD HEAR US

PARENT 2: We pray that they may learn to listen with their hearts to God speaking to them in the words of the Gospel.

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PARENT 3: We pray that God's word may be a living word that speaks to them every day of their lives. LORD HEAR US

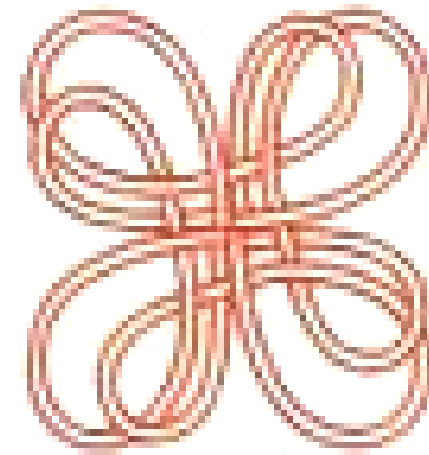
PRESIDER:

Lord, bless these children of light
who now receive your word.

May the word of God always live in their hearts
that they may bring your Good News to the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Presentation of the



Gospels

*Liturgical Rites on the way to the completion
of Christian initiation*

Presider: Children, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the name of all who believe in him and are here today, we welcome you to celebrate the gift of God's Word to us in the Scriptures.
I invite you to come forward and to stand in front of the altar so that we can present you with these precious words of life.

*A catechist calls each child forward by name
Candidates come forward and kneel in front of the altar*

PRESENTATION of the SCRIPTURES

Presider: Let us pray for these candidates that God will fill their hearts with love for the Scriptures they are about to receive.

Loving Father, bless these candidates
for Confirmation and first Holy Communion.
Through your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds
and open their hearts
to love and treasure the words of the Gospel.
Through reading and praying the Scriptures
may they come to know Jesus
and his love for them,
putting his words into practice in their lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord

BLESSING of the GOSPEL BOOKS

Presider: We now ask God to bless these books of the Gospel.

May our candidates find in them the living word of God.

May these words of the Gospel enlighten their minds and fill their hearts with Gods love.

Catechist; In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of his Church here present, we are happy to invite our candidates to come forward to receive the book which contains the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*The children come forward to receive a copy of the Gospel
The presider says the following words as he hands the Gospel to
the child:*

*N.....(name of child), receive the Gospel,
the Good News of Jesus Christ,
Son of God.*

Candidate: Thanks be to God