

Archdiocesan Order of Catechists INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Induction will take place at the Closing Mass of the 175th Anniversary Year, on Sunday, November 24, 2019, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Members of the Order may be seated in the assembly with family or friends.

The Induction will take place after the Homily.

Archbishop (in these or similar words): Today I institute the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists and I will receive into this new Order those individuals who have been called and have accepted the invitation.

Gary Pokorny: Will those to be inducted into the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists please come forward.

ALL the members will stand and proceed to the sanctuary. Gary will announce the names as they assemble. Members stand facing the Archbishop.

Archbishop: My dear friends, you have accepted the invitation to enter the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists. In so doing, you publicly acknowledge your role as a catechist in the Catholic Church, and you commit yourself to prayer, community and service within the Order of Catechists.

Do you commit to continuing to live your life in accord with the dignity and calling of a catechist, witnessing to the Catholic faith in word and deed?

I do.

Do you promise to pray daily for catechists throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, for the fruitfulness of their ministries and the faithfulness of their lives?

I do.

Do you commit yourself to joining with the other members of this Order of Catechists in mutual support, and ongoing formation, and to meet at least three times a year?

I do.

Barbara Anne Cusack: Catechists, please recite together the Oath of Fidelity.

The members read in unison, inserting their own full name in the first sentence.

I, _____, in entering the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists, promise that in my words and in my actions I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church.

With great care and fidelity, I shall carry out the duties incumbent on me toward the Church, both universal and particular, in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety; I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings contrary to it.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the entire Church and I shall maintain the observance of all ecclesiastical laws, especially those contained in the Code of Canon Law.

With Christian obedience I shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish. I shall also faithfully assist the diocesan Bishops, so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church.

So help me God.

Barbara Anne Cusack: I now invite you to sign your personal commitment to the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists.

The members move to tables where each will sign his/her commitment form. They hand it to an assistant and stand again in a group before the Archbishop.

When all have finished and have re-assembled...

Archbishop: My dear friends, I welcome you into the Archdiocesan Order of Catechists.
May God continue the good work He has begun in you.

The Archbishop blesses the members:

Let us pray.

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of
faith, hope, and love to all nations.

In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have
offered themselves in the Order of Catechists.

Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach
by word and by example the truth that comes from you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The members return to their seats in the assembly.