



Commissioning of the ARISE Parish Team

Presenting the parish team, as the leaders for the *ARISE Together in Christ* process, in the context of a commissioning and blessing ceremony underlines the spiritual significance of the ministry they have agreed to undertake on behalf of the community. We strongly recommend, therefore, that this take place during the Sunday eucharistic liturgy, after the homily.

Presider

Addressing the congregation

Our baptism calls us to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Therefore our parish has made a commitment

to strive to grow together in holiness

by participating in the parish renewal process

called *ARISE Together in Christ*.

Beginning this October,

each one of us will be invited to join others in this renewal.

We will have opportunities

to open our hearts to God more fully

through the Sunday Mass, personal prayer,

and faith sharing in small communities.

You will hear more about this in the coming months.

The work of preparation has already begun.

We have set up an *ARISE* Parish Team.

Please join me now in praying for the members of this team

and for the ongoing spiritual renewal of each of us here

at _____ (*Parish name*)

and for all in our (arch)diocese.

My dear friends, I am very pleased to present to you now
our Parish Team for the *ARISE Together in Christ* process.

These parishioners have responded willingly and generously
to the call to lead us through this process of spiritual renewal.

They have been preparing for this task of leadership for months
and will continue to do so.

Presider *Addressing the Parish Team*
As I call your name,
please come to the front of the assembly.
When all team members are assembled
I now ask you
to commit yourself to service as members of the
ARISE Together in Christ Parish Team.

Presider Will you lead and guide our parish community
in the ***ARISE Together in Christ*** process?

Team **Yes, we will with God's grace.**

Presider Will you serve all of us in (parish name) with care and respect
as we journey together in this time of spiritual renewal?

Team **Yes, we will with God's grace.**

Presider Will you continue to grow spiritually as leaders of God's people?

Team **Yes, we will with God's grace.**

Presider Bow your heads now and pray for God's blessing.
Lord, bless our ***ARISE*** Parish Team
with wisdom, grace, and lightheartedness
as they guide us in our renewal.
Open all of our hearts
as we grow closer to you and one another
in this community of faith.
We ask your blessing
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

As the team members return to their places,
all might sing an appropriate song, such as
"The Summons," John Bell, (GIA) (***ARISE*** CD 1, Track 8)
or "Here I Am, Lord," Dan Schutte (OCP Publications)

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