

## **Lay Ministry Sunday Re-Commitment Ceremony and Blessing**

**After the homily, the pastor will let the congregation know that we are going to begin our Lay Ministry Re-Commitment Ceremony and call forward by name and ministry all persons involved in lay ministry in the Parish.**

**Pastor:** Through your baptismal call you have committed yourselves to serve the Church in God's service. Do you pledge to stay faithful to the Gospel and the Church's teachings in your ministries and life?

**Candidates:** We/I do.

**Pastor:** Do you pledge to serve with humility, integrity, love and devotion, persevering in prayer while working for justice?

**Candidates:** We/I do.

**Pastor:** Do you pledge to serve this parish community collaboratively in faith, hope and love?

**Candidates:** We/I do.

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, we praise and thank you for the many varied skills and talents you have showered upon your sons and daughters for the building up of your kingdom here on earth. We praise you for the gifts your Spirit has inspired in these, your servants, that they may, in turn, place them at the service of the Church.

We ask you, Lord, to bless their commitment to serve, which they have pledged in their hearts and in their work. Grant them a renewed dedication to the message of the Gospel and give the graces of the Holy Spirit which empower them for their duties. Bring their recommitment and dedication to great fruitfulness through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**The pastor will then sprinkle the persons in front of him with holy water and say:**

We ask you, Lord, to bless these persons who have answered their baptismal call to serve and inspire them to be Christ-like in their service to others. By offering the gift of yourselves and your re-commitment to serve in ministries, the Church, our Parish and Diocese are truly enriched and we thank you.

**Pastor invites the congregation to express their gratitude and support...**

**Then sends them back to their pews and Mass will continue as usual.**