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Or:

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Assisting minister:

Father, grant that all people will come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (For this we pray:) *R*.

Assisting minister:

Send workers into your harvest, so that your name will be glorified among the nations. (For this we pray:) *R*.

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You sent the disciples of Jesus to preach the Gospel; help us to spread the victory of his cross. (For this we pray:) *R*.

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Make us docile to the teaching of the apostles and our lives consistent with the truths we believe. (For this we pray:) *R*.

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As you call us to serve you in our brothers and sisters, make us the ministers of your truth. (For this we pray:) *R*.

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Keep us as faithful ministers of your Church, so that, having taught others, we ourselves may be found faithful in your service. (For this we pray:) *R*.

Assisting minister:

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide our hearts and our lips, so that we may remain constant in loving and praising you. (For this we pray:) *R*.

500 With hands outstretched, the celebrant says the prayer of blessing.

**With your fatherly blessing, Lord,
strengthen these servants of yours
in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists.
Grant that they will strive to share with others
what they themselves derive from pondering your word
and studying the Church's teaching.
And let them gladly join those they teach
in honoring and serving your name.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

501 Or:

**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 as catechists for your
Church.**

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

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All reply:

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

502 Facing the catechists, the celebrant concludes the rite by saying:

**In Christ God has revealed his love and his truth.
May he make you witnesses to the Gospel and to the di-
vine love.**

R. Amen.

**The Lord Jesus promised to be with his Church until the
end of the world.**

May he give power to your actions and your words.

R. Amen.

**May the Spirit of the Lord be with you,
so that you may help the ministers of his word.**

R. Amen.

Then he blesses all present.

**And may almighty God bless you all,
the Father, and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.**

R. Amen.

503 It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song.

B. ORDER OF BLESSING WITHIN MASS

504 If the rubrics permit, the Mass, "For the Laity," provided in the Roman Missal in *Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*, may be used, as circumstances suggest, with the readings that are provided in the *Lectionary for Mass*.¹⁹

505 The homily follows the gospel reading. In it the celebrant, basing himself on the sacred text, gives an explanation of the celebration pertinent to the particular place and the people involved.

¹⁹ See *Lectionary for Mass* (2nd ed., 1981), nos. 862-866 (*Masses for Various Needs and Occasions*, I. For the Church, 9. For the Laity).

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

506 The general intercessions follow, either in the form usual at Mass or in the form given here. The celebrant concludes the general intercessions with the prayer of blessing, unless it is thought better to have the prayer of blessing at the end of Mass as a prayer over the people. From the following intentions those best suited to the occasion may be used or adapted, or other intentions that apply to the particular circumstances may be composed.

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PRAYER OF BLESSING

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All reply:

Amen.

508 But as an alternative, if this seems more opportune, the prayer of blessing may be used at the end of Mass after the following or some other invitation.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

After the prayer of blessing, the celebrant always adds:

**And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.**

R/. Amen.