

## APPENDIX B: INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR PPC MEMBERS

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Since the PPC is a ministry of service for the entire parish, the installation or commissioning should take place on a Sunday following the election or appointment, with members of the parish present. A suitable time is either prior to the Sunday Mass, after the entrance procession, or following the homily. Symbolic gestures may be used.

### Suggestions:

- The priest might anoint the hands of the new members with blessed oil to recall their baptismal anointing and to show they are sharing in the priesthood of Jesus Christ;
- Retiring PPC members could lay hands on the heads or shoulders of new members as a sign of blessing and support
- Retiring members might pass on to them a copy of the parish pastoral council guidelines as a symbol of their work;
- The gifts of bread and wine, as well as other symbolic gifts, can be brought up by the new members of the PPC, representing the congregation.



Any ceremony should include an expression of appreciation for those members who are retiring and space in the front of the church could be reserved for committee members as well, for they too serve important functions in the parish.

To help form community, a simple meal may be planned for councillors and committee members after the liturgy. The whole parish may join in for a potluck dinner.

The following installation service is available as a separate document on the diocesan website for local adaptation.