

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR PPC INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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*After the homily the presider invites the members of the Parish Pastoral Council forward.*

PRIEST:

Let the following Parish Pastoral Council members come before the congregation to be commissioned (*Each is called by name.*)

On behalf of this parish community of..... which you have been called to serve, and in the name of the Bishop, I commission you as Parish Pastoral Councillors.

Your sharing in responsibility in the mission of the church and in the ministry of Jesus will be joined with the efforts of others throughout this Diocese of Auckland, to effectively build up the Body of Christ.

Service to the people of God takes many forms and requires a diversity of gifts and talents, as well as the gift of self. Christ calls us to the challenge of discipleship, to be a sign of God's kingdom in this time and place.

Do you understand and accept the responsibility of service on the parish pastoral council?

MEMBERS:

**We do.**

PRIEST:

Will you do your best to work for the spiritual and material welfare of the parish, the region, the diocese, and the wider society?

MEMBERS:

**We will. With the help of God, we pledge our service on this Parish Pastoral Council, offering the gifts and the talents which God has given us.**

**We ask the support and prayers of all the parishioners so that we may continue to deepen our spiritual lives and open our hearts to the Spirit.**

ALL:

***We accept your commitment to our parish. We thank you for your willingness to serve; may we grow together in love, faith and joy.***

*Congregation's response put on PowerPoint, overhead or in bulletin.*

PRIEST:

Let us pray.

*Brief period of silence*

Loving God, bless and strengthen today our sisters and brothers who have committed themselves to this special ministry of leadership on our Parish Pastoral Council. Help them to be formed in your Word, sensitive to the needs of others, and reconciling in their relationships. Give them vision and courage to seek the truth and to discern your will in all matters they will be asked to consider.

We ask for them the grace to fulfil their unique roles in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of Jesus Christ. God, please accept our prayer in the name of that same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL:

**Amen**

*Presentation of symbol of their ministry:*

*Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines or other symbol of their work*

PRIEST:

Take to heart your responsibility for this parish community and strive to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

MEMBERS:

Amen

*Prayer of the Faithful:*

*The members of the parish pastoral council return to their places and the prayer of the faithful follows. These should include an intention for the parish pastoral council and for the parish community. One of the following may be used or adapted.*

That the members of our parish pastoral council may give witness to the presence of Christ by lives manifesting faith, hope and love.

We pray to the Lord.

That the Church, the People of God, may grow in Christ and in the bond of common fellowship.

We pray to the Lord.

That all who are concerned with the welfare of our parish may be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and strive to carry out God's will.

We pray to the Lord.

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows.*