

6. Enable parishioner testimony for the elect: Worksheet

NEXT ACTIONS

Print this worksheet and complete it, or do the exercises in a separate online document.

Testimony during the rite of sending

Ask the godparents of the elect to prepare a very brief testimony about the readiness of their elect for initiation. The testimony is an account of God's action, not the actions of the elect. Tell the godparents that their first sentence should begin with God as the subject, not the elect. So, for example: "God has...." If the godparents have not been part of the faith journey of the elect throughout the catechumenate, you can also invite the sponsors and other team members to testify.

Decide if you will invite the entire assembly to testify. This will only be effective if the parish has been significantly involved with the elect throughout their catechumenate.

Write your own testimony

What will you say about what God has done in the life of each of the elect?

Testimony before the rite of sending

Make a list of ways you will involve the parish in testifying before the rite of sending. See “10 ways to enable parishioner testimonies” in this session for idea starters.

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