

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SENDING OF THE CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION and/or
SENDING THE CANDIDATES FOR RECOGNITION BY THE BISHOP....

See R.C.I.A., No. 114 ff., No. 441 ff., No. 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant Brothers and Sisters,
whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

An alternate response is offered for Lent, in which the assembly repeats "Lord (Christ), have mercy" after the deacon/cantor/reader. The petitions can, of course, conclude with the more usual "let us pray to the Lord:" "Lord, hear our prayer."

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For [] and]
the catechumens of our diocese and of the Church universal,
as their bishops elect them to the Easter Sacraments of Initiation,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For their perseverance to be reborn in Jesus Christ, slain and risen;
for their enlightenment and purification in Him this Lent,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For their sponsors, godparents, families, and teachers,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For [] and all]
Candidates to Full Communion with the Catholic Church;
for candidates to Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the renewal of one another in prayer, penance, alms-giving this Lent,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the armed forces; for peace at home and abroad,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For [] and all] our sick,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For [] and] everyone who has died this week,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant

Modify the blessing according to gender and number:

Father of love and power,
whose will it is to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love,
guide [this catechumen] [and this candidate]
in the days and weeks ahead:
strengthen *him* in *his* vocation,
build *him* into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal *him* with the Spirit of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.