

Diocese of Central Newfoundland



**ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO THE OFFICE
OF
Licensed Lay minister
And commissioning for work
In the parish**

Congregation may be seated while the candidate stands before the Bishop or his representative.

The Presenters of the candidate/s shall say:

Bishop/Priest, We present unto you these persons to be admitted to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister and to be commissioned for that ministry in the parish.

Bishop/Priest:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been the custom of the Church to set apart certain persons for specific ministries. This is done in response to our belief that the Church is the Body of Christ and that all members of this Body have different gifts according to the grace given them. For some it is required that the Church give its authority in order that these persons may perform their ministries. It is our intention today to admit *N* to the office of Licensed Lay Minister and to commission *them* to act as Licensed Lay Minister in this parish.

Bishop/Priest addresses the candidate/s

Bishop/Priest: Do you wish to be admitted to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister in this Diocese?

Answer: **I do**

Bishop/Priest: Is it your desire to take on the responsibilities of
Licensed Lay Minister in this Diocese?

Answer: **It is.**

Bishop/Priest: Will you follow the Bishop's Regulations as outlined
In the Lay Minister Constitution?

Answer: **I will.**

*Here the Bishop/Priest may invite other Lay Ministers to stand
And renew the promises they made at the time of their
commissioning.*

Bishop/Priest: Will you, in your ministrations, observe the due
order and discipline of the Church and obey those
who are set in authority over you?

Answer: **I will.**

Bishop/Priest: Will you endeavour to frame and fashion your life
so as to be a wholesome example to the people
amongst whom you live?

Answer: **I will do so, with the help of the Lord.**

The Bishop/priest addresses the congregation.

Bishop/Priest: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I do commend *these*
persons to your prayers and ask for your support
and encouragement as *they* exercise their Office.
Will you do all in your power to love and support
these persons in *their* ministry.

People: **We will.**

A period of silence is observed as the candidates kneel before the Bishop/Priest.

Bishop/Priest: God, who did of old, did teach the hearts of the faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit; grant unto these, your servants by the same Spirit, to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

Bishop/Priest: N, We admit you to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Bishop/Priest: We do commission you as Licensed Lay Minister in this parish and confer on you your badge of office.

The Lay Minister scarf is placed on the newly Licensed Lay Minister.

The Bishop/Priest shall then address the people.

Bishop/Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop/Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, receive our prayers which we now offer before you for all members of your Holy Church; that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.

People: **Amen**

Then shall the Bishop/Priest bless the newly admitted Licensed Lay Minister/s in this or another form

Bishop/Priest: May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and your work done in His Name, now and always.

People: **Amen**

The Exchange of Peace