



Installation of a New Pastor

When a new pastor is appointed for a parish, it is appropriate that he be publicly installed by a liturgical rite. The installation should, if possible, take place at one of the Masses on the first Sunday that his appointment is effective. This may also take place during a Liturgy of the Word or during Morning or Evening Prayer.

Appendix I of the *Book of Blessings* includes such a liturgical rite. This ritual includes a presentation of the new pastor to the parish, welcome of him by the parish, formal presentation of other clergy, parish staff, and parish council.

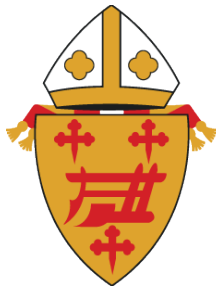
The dean may be invited to install the new pastor. Please communicate with him as early as possible to arrange this.

Even if a pastor has already led some of the parishes within the new Family of Parishes but is now becoming pastor of additional ones, it would be appropriate that he be installed as pastor of the new parishes.

Since on July 1, there are still separate parishes within the Family, consider this liturgy being celebrated in each of the parishes, rather than one combined celebration. This could take place throughout the month of July.

Consider having a social event connected to this, at least “coffee and donuts” following.

For assistance in preparing the liturgical rite of installing a new pastor, please contact the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments, worship@catholicaoc.org, 513.263.6609.



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