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Have you Ever Commissioned your Respect Life Group?

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Dear Father/Deacon:

Each year, many parishes and schools hold commissioning services for various ministerial groups: servers, catechists, choirs, and so forth.

How about commissioning the respect life group? It is certainly a ministry to promote the sacredness of life. It is a work which especially requires fortitude and prudence.

A suggested format would be to call the members forward after the homily, ask them some questions, say a prayer of blessing, and present them with a symbol of their mission.

Questions could be:

> Are you resolved to promote the church's teachings on the dignity of human life, as outlined in The Gospel of Life?
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> Are you ready to work together with your pastor, under the guidance of the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities, to pray, educate, shape public policy, and provide concrete assistance to women in crisis pregnancies?

Here is a prayer of blessing that you can use:

Father of all life,
we thank you that you have called us into being
and made us the people of life.
Bless our brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves
to be a voice for the voiceless,
a defense for the defenseless.
By their example enable all of us
to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of Life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The symbol given to members of the committee can be the Precious Feet pin, the pro-life rose, or a copy of The Gospel of Life by St John Paul II. Such a ceremony can be held at any time of the year, but as fall approaches and parish activities resume, this is a good time to start planning.

Blessings,

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