



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Blessing of Parents and Guardians (optional)

Following the prayer after communion, this special blessing for parents and guardians may be offered as recognition of their critical role in forming their children in faith.

CELEBRANT:

Parents and guardians are entrusted with a special role and responsibility in forming their children in faith. It is fitting on this Catechetical Sunday that we offer a blessing for them.

The celebrant invites parents and guardians to stand. Stretching out his hands over them and inviting the rest of the community to do the same, he prays the following:

CELEBRANT:

*God our Father,
let your peace settle within the hearts
of these mothers, fathers and
guardians.*

*Give them strength and wisdom as they
care for their children.*

*Show them how to raise their families
with patience and tenderness.*

*Give them strength during the times of
greatest difficulty and help them
recognize the little joys that are part of
each day.*

*May they grow in wisdom,
understanding and grace.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.*

R/. Amen.

*Those who dedicate themselves
to the ministry of catechesis play
a vital role in the pastoral
activity of the Church.
Enlightened by the Word of God
and the teaching of the Church,
and inspired by their own life of
prayer and witness, catechists
lead others to know the living
Jesus Christ through word and
deed. Through the ministry of
catechesis, catechists provide a
process of initiation and
formation for those in their care,
introducing them to the truths of
faith that they themselves have
learned, lived, and celebrated.*

*In this celebration we will
bless the name of the Lord for
giving us such collaborators
and we will pray that through
the Holy Spirit they receive the
grace they need in their
service to the Church.*