

Rite of Admission to Holy Communion during Parish Mass

After the Homily the priest says:

Priest: By baptism we have been made members of Christ's family,
a community of faith who share the Eucharist
given by Jesus Christ as a sign of his living presence among us.
Those who are now to be admitted
to Holy Communion will share with us in this Sacrament.
At a later time, they will come to the Bishop for Confirmation
and will promise with the help of God's Holy Spirit,
to follow Christ all their lives.

The churchwardens, parents and supporters bring the candidates forward and say:

We present to you N and M who wish to be admitted to Holy Communion.

The priest says to the candidates:

Priest: N and M, you have been shown what this service means.
You know that it is a holy meal that celebrates the Lord's sacrifice
and that Jesus tells people to do this in remembrance of him.
Do you now wish to be admitted to Holy Communion?

Candidates: We do

Priest: Today is an important stage on your Christian journey,
which began at your baptism.
Those of you who are to be admitted to receive Holy Communion will,
from now on, share in, and be nourished by the Blessed Sacrament with us,
your sisters and brothers in Christ.
Will you always try to remember
that we come in obedience to the Lord's invitation?

Candidates: With the help of God, we will

Priest: Parents, godparents and the whole family of St ...,
on this special day we celebrate with these candidates
a new step on their journey of faith.
Will you pray for them, continue to draw them by your example
into the community of faith, walk with them in the way of Christ
and help them take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

All: With the help of God, we will

Priest: By the authority of N, Bishop of M,
I admit (each of) you to Holy Communion
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Priest invites all the candidates to turn and face the congregation to be congratulated with applause.