

SECTION 11: TEC HOOT MASS

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Mass Introduction

Good Evening! Welcome to our celebration. My name is _____.

On behalf of our Bishop and the TEC Council, we welcome you to this Hoot Mass for TEC # _____.

We would also like to welcome the newest TEC-ites from TEC# _____. You are a welcome addition to our growing community.

Joining us tonight in celebration of this Mass are some very special people - the parents of the candidates of TEC # _____. At this time, let us welcome the parents of these Candidates. Will the parents please stand. (***Lead congregation in applause.***)

The Liturgy is the Body of Christ coming together in public worship. The worship actually begins when the people begin to assemble.

We will start our Liturgy this evening with three symbols.

Two candles will be brought forward and placed at each corner of the Altar; they are symbols of our being the Light of Christ in our communities.

The wheat that is placed at the base of the altar symbolizes our sacrifice and prayer which we offer for each other and for the Candidates and Teams of TEC # _____.

A large part of tonight's celebration is our participation. We invite each of you to join our choir and musicians in their beautiful form of prayer.

The Presider for this evening's liturgy is Father _____ from

_____.

When Father approaches the Altar, he will reverence it with a kiss because the Altar is symbolic of Christ the Altar, Christ the Priest and Christ the Sacrifice.

Please stand and greet Father _____ as we sing together our opening song

_____.

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Sample Petitions

Do NOT use table names or team roles – NAMES ONLY - practice names ahead of time

For all church leaders, that they may always be guided by the Holy Spirit in matters of faith.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For the following team and candidates: (First, last name)

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response:* Lord, hear our Prayer.

For all of our service men and women, especially those from our TEC community, that they may be safe from harm while protecting our country and religious freedoms.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For the following team and candidates: (First, last name)

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response:* Lord, hear our Prayer.

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For a renewed respect for all life and an end to abortion

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For the following team and candidates: (First, last name)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For all members of our TEC Community, past and present, that we may continue to experience the love of the Christ in our lives.

Let us pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer

For the following team and candidates: (First, last name)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

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Eucharist Explanation: *Read after Petitions*

Please be seated.

In the Mass, there are two principle parts, the Liturgy of the Word, which we have just completed, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

As an indication that we are moving from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we use more symbols or signs. We symbolize this move by having the gifts brought forward ceremoniously.

The bread and wine are offered to our celebrant and then given back to us as the Body and Blood of Christ, to nourish and strengthen us in our journey of love, unity and service to Him. (*Pause until the Bread and Wine are set on the Altar.*)

At this time in Catholic faith, intercommunion is not recognized. In unity we invite and encourage our non-Catholic friends to share in our communion celebration by coming forward to receive a blessing.

So that the celebrant knows that you would like to receive a blessing, we ask that you cross your arm in front of your chest like this: (*Step to the side and demonstrate*).

Please join us now in our joyous Communion celebration.