

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES BY A LAY MINISTER

Needs for Prayer Service:

A lit candle or candles as a symbol of the Light of Christ, or Personal Baptism Candle(s) for each gathered. A bowl of water as symbol of Baptism Water, or Holy Water to bless yourself.

When the elements have been prepared and the members of the household have gathered together, one person serves as the Leader and invites everyone to make a sign of the cross to begin.

Leader: (*Signing self with the sign of the cross*) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R: Amen.

Leader:

At our baptism, a candle was lighted from the paschal candle. Please light your candles now, and let us once again remember, as the flame spreads among us, that we are children of the Light.

All gathered together light their candle.

Leader:

Dear family, (love ones), through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so we ask ourselves:

Do we renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? RE: Yes

Do we renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over us? RE: Yes

Do we renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? RE: Yes

Do we believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? RE: Yes

Do we believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? RE: Yes

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? RE: Yes

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Leader:

Just as we were once brought to the waters of a font on the day of our own baptism, so now I invite each of you to extinguish your candles and come to this font of water to sign yourselves once again in commemoration of your Baptism.

Conclude with Our Father Prayer