

Recognition of Sub-Deacons to Full Diaconate

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service is part of the synod's recognition of clergy in Minor Orders as Sub-deacon that have been serving as Acting Deacon on licence.

Bishop: Let us as brothers and sisters in Christ, and as clergy of the Old Catholic Apostolic Church, come together to bless and ordain these Sub-deacons who have been acting as Deacons on licence to the full Diaconate.

The Blessing of their Serving

The bishop with hands extended towards the ordinands says:

Bishop: O God, strength and protection of your people, who have made these servants to rise up and serve as You have called them. Bless + them, and grant courage to them, so that, receiving divine wisdom and power, they may understand more deeply the work You have called them to do as servants – as Deacons - that they may rejoice to be born anew and to serve You in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Prayer of Blessing

The bishop says the following prayer with hands outstretched and may briefly touch each ordinand on their head with their right hand.

Bishop: Be pleased, O Lord to bless, heal and sanctify those whose lives will be touched by these Deacons and make each one a guardian of your healing and sanctifying grace, in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please pray for yourselves, the parishes or ministries in your care and the Old Catholic Apostolic Church, and for those who will be served by these Deacons.