

## ORDER OF PRAYER ~ STAFF ORIENTATION DAY



***Based on the 2018-2019 USCCB Catechetical Theme:  
“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”***

### **Call to Prayer:**

As we begin yet another year of Catholic Education and Evangelization, we recall this coming year’s Catechetical Theme, “*Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.*” First, might we ask, “How do I serve as a witness for Jesus?” Next, “How do I inspire others to become witnesses to Him?” Many examples of this surround us, if we simply take notice...

*The sign on someone’s office wall that reads: “Today...I choose joy.” The moment you enter that office, their joyful spirit is truly evident.*

*The person who answers your question, “How are you?” with the words, “I’m blessed” and then holds the door for you.*

Let us pray for a greater awareness of these blessed opportunities, not only to serve as witnesses to Jesus Christ ourselves, but also to inspire others to do the same. May we be joyful bearers of God’s redeeming love!

### **Hymn**

*Christ Be Our Light* (Breaking Bread 2018, # 596)

### **Reading**

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 10: 9-18)

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.  
*Please pause for a moment of silent reflection.*

### **Sung Response:**

*How beautiful...  
on the mountaintops...  
are the feet of those...  
who bring good news!* (Refrain)

(over)

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

Remembering those in our own lives who let the Light of Christ shine through them and inspired us to do the same...

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| For those who first taught us to pray...                     | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For those who prepared us for the Sacraments...              | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For those who helped us to discern our vocation in life...   | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For those who ministered to us during times of illness...    | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For those who encouraged us during our years of education... | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For those who mentored us in our ministries...               | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |

**Sung Refrain:**      *Christ Be Our Light*

Remembering some of the many saints who let the Light of Christ shine through them and inspired others to follow them and do the same:

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| For St. Peter...               | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Paul...                | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. John Bosco...          | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Therese...             | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton... | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Katharine Drexel...    | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. John Neumann...        | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Frances Cabrini        | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. Francis of Assisi...   | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. John Paul II...        | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |
| For St. John XXIII...          | <i>Lord, we thank you.</i> |

**Sung Refrain:** *Christ Be Our Light*

And now let us pray in the words of Christ: ALL: “*Our Father...*”

**Hymn**

*Take the Word of God with You*

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