

The WELCOME would be placed after the Sermon and before the Peace

Celebration of a Deacon's New Ministry

Presider (Priest or Warden): Siblings in Christ, I present to you N. N. ,
ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church. Today we welcome N. into
this holy community.

A deacon's ministry is to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and
hopes of the world. Their witness seeks to encourage us to make Christ and his
redemptive love known in the world

All: N. , we welcome you as a deacon with us in the service of the Lord.

(The Priest and /or wardens and selected others then present the deacon with symbols of
his/her/their ministry (ie. Gospel Book, BCP, Map). The symbols should be visible to the
congregation and after presentation placed in a prominent location.

Presider to deacon: (deacon wearing Cassock/Alb and stole)

The Presentation of the New Testament or Gospel Book of the Parish

Receive this Gospel Book that represents one of your primary roles as a deacon. You are
called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and call the people forth to do his good
work.

Deacon: Amen

At the presentation of a BCP (own or Church's)

Receive this book of prayers. Be among us as a person of prayer.

And, as you support us by your prayers, we shall support you with ours.

Deacon: Amen

At the presentation of a lavabo bowl and purificator

Take these symbols of the deacon's vocation to serve. Lead us in ministries of service with those in need.

Deacon: Amen.

At the presentation of a CT or ECCT or Region or Town (or something) map.

Receive this "map" and lead us in our mission to share God's love, justice, and mercy to this community and all the world.

Deacon: Amen

Presider to congregation:

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Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with N. as our deacon. Give him/her/their and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Let us greet our new deacon!