Blessing/Sending Forth
for ND Students: Fall Break Seminars

Following the Communion Rite and the Prayer after Communion, this optional Rite for the Blessing and Sending Forth of Notre Dame Students may take place. This blessing is intended for our students who will serve the poor through Fall Break Seminars sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

This blessing forms the initial part of the Blessing and Dismissal of the assembly.

Presider: From our residence hall, inspired by charity and strengthened by obedience, members of our community are going forth next week to proclaim the Gospel through their word and deed.

I would like to invite all those who will be traveling around the country, serving the poor and needy through Fall Break Seminars, to please come forward for a blessing from this community.

The names of the community members may be said at this time. They may answer “Present” when their names are called, and approach the altar. (Names may appear below):

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The Presider then addresses the students:

Presider: To all of you being sent forth today:
by your words and your lives,
may you proclaim to all peoples
the Gospel that is proclaimed in our own community,
so that the mystery of Christ and the Church
may be revealed to all.
In all your labors, and in all your encounters,
may you recognize the face of Christ.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Students: Amen.
PRAYER OF BLESSING

The Presider invites all to stand and extend their hands in blessing:

Presider: Please stand, extend your hands, and join me in a blessing:

We bless you, O God, and we praise your name. In your merciful providence you sent your Son into the world to free us from the bondage of sin by his own sacrifice and to enrich us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Look kindly on these your servants: We send them forth as messengers of salvation and peace, marked with the sign of the cross.

Guide their steps with your mighty arm and with the power of your grace strengthen them in spirit, so that they will not falter through weariness.

Make their words echo Christ’s voice, so that those who hear them may be drawn to live the joy of the Gospel.

Fill the hearts of these, your students, with your gifts of the Holy Spirit. By compassionately sharing the crosses of others, may they lead many to you, the Creator of all, to sing your praises in your holy Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And also with you.

Presider: May almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

The Liturgy concludes with an appropriate hymn or song.