**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

THE ROMAN RITUAL

BLESSING OF THE CATECHUMENS

Catechumens, sponsors, and some faithful will be seated in the front pews.

Homily

Prayer of Blessing

 *With hands outstretched over the catechumens.*

**Lord of all,**

**through Your only-begotten Son**

**You cast down Satan and broke the chains that held us captive.**

**We thank You for these catechumens**

**whom You have called.**

**Strengthen them in faith,**

**That they may know You, the one true God,**

**and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.**

**Keep them clean of heart and make them grow in virtue,**

**that they may be worthy to receive baptism**

**and enter into the holy mysteries.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.** Amen.

Profession of Faith

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist . . .