

26th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 1, 2023

BLESSING AT THE END OF THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

*The following blessing may be used at the discretion of the priest.
The same priest speaks the exhortation.*

Brothers and sisters, Jesus promised to be present in the midst of his disciples whenever they gather in his name. In the coming days in Rome, Pope Francis will open the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Invoking the Lord's blessing, let us lift our minds to God, that in his Holy Spirit he may strengthen us in communion, guide us to the whole truth and continually enlighten the Participants in the Synodal Assembly.

Then follows the dismissal. The priest, extending his arms and facing the people, says:
The Lord be with you!

The people respond:
And with your spirit.

Then the deacon or, in his absence, the priest himself, invites the faithful with these words: Bow down for the blessing. Then, the priest, holding his hands outstretched over the people, pronounces the blessing, to which all respond: Amen.

May God our Father, who many times and in various ways
spoke to our fathers through the prophets,
always guide you and the whole Church in fidelity to His Word
and in the discernment of His will.

R. Amen.

May the Son, sent in the fullness of time
to manifest to all men and women the riches of the Father's mercy,
keep you in communion with Him and with your brothers and sisters.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit lead all of you, and in particular the Synod Assembly,
to recognise the signs of the times
so that, adhering in everything to the will of God,
you bear abundant fruit of unity for the life of the Church
and for the proclamation of the Gospel.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you forever.

R. Amen.