

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF INVITATIONS

WARNING! THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO GET THE BEST RESULT.
READ CAREFULLY!

To do before the Mass: Prepare invitations and pencils in sufficient quantities (from 500 to 1000, depending on the number of persons at the Masses on Sundays).

Who to choose for distributing the invitations? For a fast and efficient distribution, the Missionary himself will select dynamic persons, absolutely avoiding persons too young or too old. Experience shows that children, such as altar servers, lack the audacity to offer an invitation to an adult. Also, persons too old lack speed to cover the church in the minimum of time.

When to distribute? The distribution of invitations and pencils must be done in a very precise manner to obtain the best result. The parishioners will fill the invitations during the homily, when the preacher will indicate. This will be "at the heat of the moment", when the grace is acting in their hearts. "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6: 2).

Also, do not distribute these invitations to parishioners at the church entrance. Also, don't prepare a large table at the exit of the church so that parishioners would fill them up at the end of the Mass, because they are then in a hurry and will not take the time to do it.

How to distribute? The invitation must be distributed personally, to each parishioner, avoiding these two extremes: forcing the parishioner to take the invitation in his/her hand or waiting for the parishioner to give a sign for us to give him/her one. Volunteers do not have to decide who will and who will not receive them. It must be presented with courage and courtesy, and with a smile! This gesture makes present Christ's invitation to spend an hour with him in the perpetual adoration chapel. This is the method that gives the best result!

Volunteers start from the top benches and pass down through the Church to the end diligently. During the distribution of invitations and pencils, the preacher will continue to explain to the parishioners how to complete the invitation and respond himself to any questions they may pose at that point. Thus the volunteers do not answer questions so that the distribution is not delayed or uncompleted.

The missionary then invites the parishioners to put their completed invitations with the pen in the passing baskets for the weekly collection.

After the distribution: After the Mass, the Missionary proceeds to sorting the invitations (filled and non-filled). Volunteers should go and check the benches and search for, if any, invitations and pencils forgotten. They will give everything to the missionary.

Thanks a lot for your help.