

## **Service Order for School or similar Assembly**

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

*Instructions are in italics.*

*This service may be taken by those in Minor Orders.*

*There can be many variables for delivering a school assembly. The school staff will be taking the assembly, but you have been invited to speak; so notices, any hymns etc. are going to be already chosen and announced by them. It is important to be aware of any sensitivities, or special requirements/restrictions that may prevail; it is wise to consult with staff on the day of the assembly upon arrival to check. Be sensitive to the situation: a church school is likely to be more receptive to Biblical and liturgical teachings; a secular school is likely to be less-so. When it is your turn to speak:*

### **Introduction**

Introduce yourself and explain about your ministry or how you came to be a member of the Church. (You can explain a little about OCAC here if appropriate).

### **Opening Dialogue**

Then a short dialogue on why you came or what you will be speaking about. This should lead on to a scripture reading which is the basis of what follows

### **Scripture Reading**

For secular schools this could be a general item of news, a worldly event or a local event instead.

### **Homily**

The main Message or Homily. Split down into subject headings and conclusion. *No more than 5 minutes.*

### **Short Prayer**

(In secular schools use a poem or similar from a published author, or local person instead)

### **General blessing**

Give a general blessing.

### **END of service**

*Often there will be those who wish to speak with you after the assembly. This can only be for a few minutes, as the school day is underway. It is best practice to only talk whilst alongside a member of staff and that will usually be the person that has invited you to speak.*

*Please pray for yourselves and the Old Catholic Apostolic Church regularly.*