

GFS Australia

Welcoming service

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Priest or Leader: We are here today to welcome these children/people into membership of GFS Australia (in the parish of and the Diocese of)

GFS is an organisation which aims to reach out and empower people of all ages with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

GFS aims to provide a vital ministry which will empower people and communities to build a continuing relationship with Christ, to value themselves and one another and to experience life within a faith community.

GFS Australia is part of a worldwide organisation within the Anglican communion which ministers in over 20 countries around the world.

Parish Priest:

To Children: (Name) do you want to be a member of the GFS family, here in the parish of

Response: I do (or Yes I do)

To Adults: (Name) Having read the aims and purposes of GFS Australia, do you want to become a member of GFS Australia and to participate in its Ministry.

Response: I do (or Yes)

Parish Priest:

To Children/Adults: (Name) I welcome you to membership of GFS Australia and present you with these symbols of GFS membership (*Present badge and membership card to each new member*)

Affirmation (*Those who have been welcomed face the congregation*)

Parish Priest: (*To new members*) We are very glad that you have joined GFS today. (*to congregation*) Let us welcome these new members. (*Applause*)

Congregation: We join with welcoming (*Option - can use names of those being welcomed*) you to the GFS family in this parish (diocese) and we undertake to pray for you and to support you in this ministry.

Prayers: (*Appropriate prayers, including the GFS prayer may be used*)

Blessing: (*If appropriate*)