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If there are older sisters/brothers, you could invite them to do the same.

‘The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.

In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross.

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