

**Rite of  
the Renewal of Temporary Vows<sup>1</sup>  
within the Mass**

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<sup>1</sup> Edward Foley, *Rites of Religious Profession: Pastoral Introduction and Complete Text*. Liturgy Training Publications: Chicago (IL), 1989. / The Roman Missal. Liturgy Training Publications: Chicago (IL), 2011. / CONFERENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA, *Rito della professione religiosa*, Roma, ed. Conferenza Episcopale Italiana, 1975 coll. Rituale Romano, riformato a norma dei decreti del Concilio Ecumenico Vaticano II e promulgato da papa Paolo VI. Versione italiana approvata dalla S. Congregazione per il Culto divino il 13 gennaio 1975. “Tipica” per la lingua italiana. Di uso obbligatorio dal 2 febbraio 1976. Rite adapted for use by the pfsqm.

## Rite of the Renewal of Profession of Temporary Vows within the Mass

### ENTRANCE RITE

The entrance song is sung and the procession takes place, as usual, through the church; it is also advisable that the candidate for renewal of vows be accompanied by the superiors. Once in the sanctuary and having revered the altar, everyone takes their assigned place and the Mass continues as usual.

### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION – IS OMITTED

*The rite of Renewal of vows during the Mass should be very solemn. Therefore, the request for admission is not read, and questions are not directed towards the candidate. The request should already be prepared and either placed on the altar before the celebration, or carried by the candidate in the entrance procession (after which she should place it on the altar).*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

One or more texts of Sacred Scripture are read, preferably chosen from those indicated in the Lectionary for religious profession. The prayers of the faithful follow the profession.

### HOMILY

#### PRAYER – BEFORE THE OFFERTORY

After the homily and a brief period of silence, the celebrant asks for divine assistance with these or similar words:

- C** - Dearest brethren, let us pray to God our Father –  
The source of all perseverance in good –  
For this daughter of his who today, before the Church,  
Renews her religious profession.

*And all pray in silence for a short time. Then the celebrant continues:*

Guard with your goodness, O Father,  
This daughter of yours, Sr. (Name...),  
Who wishes to renew her temporary profession.  
May the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel protect her;  
May she be accompanied by the examples of St. Francis of Assisi,  
St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Pio of Pietrelcina,  
And St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe:  
So that, faithful to the approved Statute  
Of the *Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary*,  
She may grow in communion with You,  
With the brothers and sisters, and with all creatures.  
Through Christ our Lord,

**R. Amen.**

**RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSION**

The sister who is renewing her profession should go to the altar and pronounce the formula of renewal of the vows in front of the female Superior, with two professed sisters present as witnesses:

“I, ..... , born in ..... (.....) on ..... , having completed the period of internal formation and novitiate among the ‘Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary,’ promise before God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and Saints, and you brethren – for the greater glory of God and the salvation of the most souls possible – that I want to live the Gospel fully, in deed and in truth; and ‘in your hands,’ .....

- for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the three years of temporary vows,
- for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the three years of temporary vows,

I vow to live in CHASTITY, POVERTY, and OBEDIENCE [understood according to the present Statute]. I therefore entrust myself with all my heart to God, to Mary, and to this fraternity of Little Ones, in order to realize my total consecration to Christ, at the service of His Body which is the Church, for the good of all those whom the Lord will give me the grace to meet.”

When the profession has been made, the Superior replies:

- And I – according to the Word of God and the Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church – promise you blessed eternal life and glorious immortality, in your holy perseverance.

R. Amen.

**SIGNING THE FORM OF PROFESSION ON THE ALTAR**

Then the professed goes to the altar and lays down the sheet with the formula of the profession; on this altar, if possible, she signs the document of the profession and returns to her place.

**EMBRACE**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear friends, let us raise our prayers with confidence to God the Father through Jesus Christ. His life is the foundation of the religious state; His teaching is our supreme Rule. Let us pray together, saying,

**R. Lord, hear the prayers of your servants.**

- For the Church, that adorned by the virtues of her children she may shine ever more brightly for Christ, her Bridegroom: let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- For all nations, that the Gospel of Christ may shape the structure of civil society and bring forth the fruits of harmony and peace: let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- For all vocations, that many young people may feel called to give witness to the Gospel in fraternal communion with us, and, following the example of our Lady, to dedicate themselves to the service of God and man: let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- For all religious, that they may be a sign of the new and eternal life gained for us through the redemption wrought by Christ: let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- For the religious family of the *Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary*, that all the brothers and sisters may become ever more faithful disciples of Christ and that His life may be their supreme law: let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

The presider adds:

**C** - Our life, Lord, is in your hands.  
You call us and you give us the grace to respond;  
You show us the goal and you accompany us on the journey.  
Guard this daughter of yours, Sr. (Name.....), with your goodness,  
Who today has renewed her commitment  
To follow Christ in the observance of the evangelical counsels.  
May every day be for her a new step  
On the journey that leads to you;  
May she grow daily in fraternal communion,  
So that we may ever more fully become one heart and one mind.

Through Christ, Our Lord,

All:

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharistic Celebration proceeds as usual with the offertory.

## FINAL BLESSING AND CONCLUSION

After the prayer after communion, the professed goes to the altar and the celebrant, facing her and the people, proclaims the following blessing:

**C** - May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May he show you his face  
and have mercy on you.  
May he make his face shine upon you and grant you peace.

**R. Amen.**

Then he blesses the assembly:

**C** - And may the blessing of Almighty God descend on all of you  
who are gathered for this celebration,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

- Go in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## FINAL SONG