

**Rite of
the Renewal of Temporary Vows¹
outside the Mass**

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ENTRANCE SONG

The renewal of temporary profession can happen in an atmosphere of solemn celebration of the Word.

When the assembly has come together, the celebrant says:

C In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Lord who called the Apostles
And sent them as announcers of His word
Be always with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PRAYER

The presider says:

C - Let us pray.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

HOMILY

READING OF THE REQUEST

The sister who is renewing her profession should go to the ambo and read the official request to renew her temporary vows.

R. I, (Name)....., with the help of God, having come to know the Rule of the "Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary" approved by the Catholic Church, living in fraternal charity with you during the six months of experience, the year of test, the two years of novitiate, and [one year/ two years] of temporary profession: now humbly ask of you,, that I may renew my religious profession in this family for one year.

The minister, the female superior and the religious community answer:

R. Thanks be to God.

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 2nd year of the three years of temporary vows,
- for the 3rd 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 THE 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:

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- 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.

FINAL BLESSING AND CONCLUSION

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