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INTRODUCTION

This excerpt from the Third Order Ritual answers a definite need—an aid to the priest who wishes to accommodate the growing number of individuals seeking admission into the Third Order of St. Francis Secular. Existing manuals prove confusing to all but the veteran Director because they present the ritual prayers either in the singular or the plural form. The present manual obviates the resulting confusion by offering a separate version of the ceremonies of reception and profession of an individual candidate and another in the plural form. The latter is enhanced by an English rendition on parallel pages which, with very little direction, lends itself to congregational recitation and enables the assembled Tertiaries to take active part in the impressive rites. Accordingly, legibility was the chief aim in the preparation of the texts.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION
For General Receptions
(Plural Form)

Requirements: A table covered with a white cloth, on which are arranged the scapulars and cords to be blessed; holy water; a lighted wax candle. The officiating priest is vested in surplice and a white stole.

For impressiveness and by way of making the assembled Tertiaries acquainted with the postulants, the officiating priest may summon the postulants by name to the altar railing.

The priest asks the postulants kneeling before him the following question:

Quae est petitio vestra?

The postulants answer:

Reverende Pater, ego humiliter postulo habitum Tertii Ordinis de Poenitentia, ut cum eo salutem aeternam facilius consequi valeam.

The priest answers Deo Gratias, and addresses a few words of exhortation to the postulants; then, facing the altar, he blesses the habit, saying:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini

R. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus:

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui per mortem Unigeniti Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum restaurare misericorditer dignatus es, ut a morte perpetua nos liberares,

What is your request?

Rev. Father,* I humbly ask of you* the habit of the Third Order of Penance,* in order that with it* I may more easily obtain eternal salvation.

P. Thanks be to God.

L.† Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and earth.

L. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

L. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

L. Let us Pray:

All: Almighty and eternal God,* Who, by the death of Thy only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,* hast mercifully vouchsafed to regenerate the world,* in order to deliver us from eternal death,* and bring us to the

†Symbols: L., leader; R., response by congregation; C., congregation.

et ad gaudia perduceres Paradisi: respice, quaesumus, pietatis tuae oculo devotam hanc familiam tuam hic hodie in tuo nomine congregatam, cujus famulus tuus beatus Franciscus, ut tibi augeatur credentium numerus extitit institutor. Illam super firmam petram, quae Christus est, confirma, ut ab omnibus turbationibus mundi, carnis et diaboli sit segura, et incedens per tuorum semitam mandatorum meritis acerbissimae Filii tui passionis, et Immaculatae Matris ejus semper Virginis Mariae, ac beati Patris nostri Francisci, omniumque Sanctorum, gaudia aeterna possideat. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Oremus:

Domine Jesu Christe, qui tegumen nostrae mortalitatis induere, et in praesepio pannis involvi dignatus es, quique glorioso Confessori tuo beato Patri nostro Francisco tres Ordines instituere salubriter inspirasti, ac eosdem per summos Ecclesiae Pontifices, tui

joys of Paradise;* look, we beseech Thee,* with an eye of clemency upon this Thy devoted family assembled here today in Thy name,* and which Thy servant, blessed Francis founded to increase the number of Thy faithful.* Establish it upon that firm rock, which is Christ,* that it may be safe from all troubles of the world,* the flesh and the devil;* and that walking in the way of Thy commandments,* by the merits of the most bitter passion of Thy Son,* and of His Immaculate Mother Mary ever Virgin,* and our blessed Father Francis, and all the saints,* it may come to possess eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L. Let us Pray:

All: O Lord Jesus Christ,* Who hast deigned to put on the garb of our mortality,* and to be wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger,* and Who hast graciously inspired Thy glorious Confessor, our blessed Father Francis; to institute three Orders,* and the Supreme Pontiffs of the Church, Thy Vic-

Vicarios, approbare fecisti, immensam tuae clementiae largitatem suppliciter exoramus ut haec indumenta, quae idem beatus Franciscus ad poenitentiae indicium, ac pro valida contra saeculum, carnem et daemonem armatura commilitones suos Fratres de Poenitentia in Tertio Ordine portare constituit, bene + dicere et sancti + ficare digneris, ut hi famuli tui (*hae famulae tuae*), ea devote suscipientes, te ita induant, ut in spiritu humilitatis viam mandatorum tuorum ad mortem usque fideliter percurrant. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Oremus:

Deus, qui ut servum redimeres, Filium tuum per manus impiorum ligari voluisti, bene + dic quaesumus, cingula ista: et praesta, ut famuli tui, qui (*famulae tuae, quae*) his poenitentiae ligaminibus praecinguntur, vinculorum ejusdem Domini nostri Jesu Christi perpetuo memores existant, tuisque semper obsequiis alligatos (*alligatas*) se esse cognoscant. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

ars,* to approve them,* we humbly beseech the abundance of Thy clemency,* that Thou wouldst deign to bless and sanctify these garments, which the same blessed Francis enjoined his fellow-soldiers,* the Brothers of Penance,* to wear as a badge of penance,* and as a strong armor against the world, the flesh and the devil:* that these Thy servants, devoutly receiving it,* may so clothe themselves with Thee* that they may, in the spirit of humility,* faithfully walk in the way of Thy commandments until death. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

L. Let us Pray:

All: O God, Who, in order that the slave be set free,* wouldst have Thy Son to be bound by the hands of impious men,* bless, we beseech Thee, these cinctures* and grant that Thy servants, who are girded with these cinctures of penance,* may be always mindful of the cords of our Lord Jesus Christ,* and ever acknowledge themselves bound to Thy service.* Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then the priest sprinkles the habit (scapular and cord) with holy water. Kneeling down before the altar, the hymn, "Veni, Creator Spiritus" is recited or chanted alternately with the assistants, or the assembly may sing the familiar hymn, "Come Holy Ghost."

1. Veni, Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quae tu creasti pectora.
2. Qui diceris Paraclitus
Altissimi donum Dei.
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
Et spiritualis unctio.
3. Tu septiformis munere,
Digitus paternae dexteræ,
Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura.
4. Accende lumen sensibus,
Infunde amorem cordibus,
Infirma nostri corporis,
Virtute firmans perpeti.
5. Hostem repellas longius,
Pacemque dones protinus:
Ductore sic te praevio,
Vitemus omne noxium.

L. Come, O Creator, Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts, which Thou hast
made.

R. Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high!
O font of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointment from above!

L. Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known,
The finger of God's hand we own;
The promise of the Father, Thou,
Who dost the tongue with power en-
dow.

R. Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with
love;
With patience firm and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

L. Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

6. Per te sciamus da Patrem,
Noscamus atque Filium,
Teque utriusque Spiritum,
Credamus omni tempore.

7. Deo Patri sit gloria,
Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
In saeculorum saecula,
Amen.

L. Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Oremus:

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti,* da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

At the conclusion of the hymn and subsequent oration the priest turns to the postulants and says the following formulas.

The asterisk * in an oration indicates a major stop when the oration is chanted.

R. O may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know;
And Thee, through endless times confessed,
Of both the eternal Spirit blest.

L. All glory while the ages run,
Be to the Father and the Son;
Who rose from death: the same to
Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

L. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall
be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the
earth.

L. *Let us Pray:*

All: O God,* Who hast taught the hearts
of the faithful* by the light of the Holy
Ghost;* grant that we may be truly wise in
the same Spirit* and ever rejoice in His con-
solation.* Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The formulas "exuat vos" and those employed when presenting the scapular, cord and lighted candle may be said once in the plural form for all the postulants present; after which the priest proceeds to bestow the respective articles on each postulant in succession. If only a few postulants are present, the priest may deem it more proper to repeat the formulas for each, employing the singular form. (See pages 47-48).

For the divesting ceremony

Exuat vos Dominus veterem hominem cum actibus suis, et cor vestrum avertat a saeculi pompis, quibus abrenuntiastis, dum Baptismum suscepistis.

R. Amen.

For imposing the scapular

Induat vos Dominus novum hominem, qui secundum Deum creatus est in justitia et sanctitate veritatis.

R. Amen.

For presenting the cord

Praecingat vos Dominus cingulo puritatis, et extinguat in lumbis vestris humorem libidinis, ut maneat in vobis virtus continentiae et castitatis.

R. Amen.

May the Lord divest you of the old man with his acts, and turn away your hearts from the pomps of the world, which you have renounced when receiving Baptism.

R. Amen.

May the Lord clothe you with the new man, who, according to God, is created in justice and holiness of truth.

R. Amen.

May the Lord gird you with the cincture of purity, and extinguish in your loins the passion of lust, that the virtue of continency and chastity may dwell in you.

R. Amen.

For presenting the candle

Accipite, Fratres carissimi (*Sorores carissimae*), lumen Christi, in signum immortalitatis vestrae.

R. Amen.

Turning to the altar, the priest and assistants say:

Psalm 116

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes; laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos (*Salvas fac famulas tuas*).

R. Deus meus, sperantes in te.

V. Mitte eis Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos.

Receive, dearest brothers (*sisters*), the light of Christ as a sign of your immortality.

R. Amen.

Psalm 116

L. Praise the Lord, all ye gentiles, praise Him all ye people.

R. For His mercy is confirmed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

L. Glory be to the Father, and to Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L. Confirm, O God, the work which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. From Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.

L. Save Thy servants.

R. Trusting in Thee, O my God.

L. Send them help, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eis.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere eis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus:

Deus misericordiae, Deus pietatis, Deus, a quo bona cuncta procedunt, sine quo nihil sanctum inchoatur, nihilque perficitur,* precibus nostris benignus assiste, et hos famulos tuos (*has famulas tuas*) quibus in tuo sancto nomine sacrum poenitentiae habitum imposuimus, ab omnibus periculis mentis et corporis tua protectione defende, et concede eis in sancto proposito ad finem usque perseverare, ut, peccatorum suorum remissione percepta, ad consortium electorum tuorum pervenire mereantur.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum praeparasti; quaesumus, ut, qui ex morte ejusdem

The asterisk * in an oration indicates a major stop when the oration is chanted.

R. And from Sion protect them.

L. Let not the enemy prevail against them.

R. Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt them.

L. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

L. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

L. Let us Pray:

All: O God of mercy,* God of love,* God from Whom all good things proceed,* without Whom no good thing is begun and none brought to completion,* graciously listen to our prayers,* and defend with Thy protection these Thy servants,* on whom we have placed in Thy holy name the holy habit of penance,* from all dangers of mind and body;* grant to them to persevere to the end in their holy resolution,* that having obtained the remission of their sins,* they may merit to attain to the company of Thy saints.

O God, Who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin,* didst prepare a worthy

Filii tui praevisa eam ab omni labe praeservasti,* nos quoque mundos ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

Deus, qui mira crucis mysteria in tuo devotissimo confessore beato Francisco multiformiter demonstrasti,* da famulis tuis, ipsius semper exempla sectari, et assidua ejusdem crucis meditatione muniri.

Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum Confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad coelestis regni gloriam transtulisti,* ejus, quaesumus, meritis et intercessione Regis regum Jesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

When one or more Sisters have been invested, the prayer to St. Elizabeth is said; otherwise, omitted.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra,* et beatae Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despiciere, et coelesti semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

dwelling for Thy Son,* we beseech Thee* that, as in view of the death of that Son* Thou didst preserve her from all stain of sin,* so Thou wouldst enable us,* being made pure by her intercession,* to come unto Thee.

O God,* Who in many ways hast manifested the wonderful mysteries of the cross* in Thy most devoted Confessor, blessed Francis,* grant to Thy servants that they may always follow his example,* and be fortified by assiduous meditation on the same cross.

O God, Who hast translated blessed Louis, Thy Confessor,* from an earthly realm to the glory of a heavenly kingdom: grant, we beseech Thee,* that, through his merits and intercession,* we may become the companions of the King of kings, Jesus Christ Thy Son. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

O merciful God,* enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful,* and grant, through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth,* that we may despise the pleasing things of the world,* and ever enjoy the consolations of Heaven.* Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

L. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Turning to the newly invested novices, the priest says:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper.

Before dismissing the novices, the priest may impose on them the name of a Saint by which they will be known in the Order:

Your name in the Order will be

The feast of this saint is kept on

One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory is recited for gaining the Plenary Indulgence by the newly invested.

May the blessing of the almighty God, Father, Son* and Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and remain forever.

R. Amen.

Then the priest bestows upon the newly-professed the so-called Blessing of St. Francis:

Benedicat + vobis Dominus et custodiat vos. Ostendat Dominus faciem suam vobis, et misereatur vestri. Convertat Dominus vultum suum ad vos et det vobis pacem. Dominus vos benedicat. + Amen.

Thereupon, the priestly blessing is bestowed upon all present:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris et Filii + et Spiritus Sancti descendat super vos et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

Finally, the priest presents the crucifix to the newly professed, who kiss the feet, in token of love for our Lord and as a pledge of everlasting fidelity.

One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory is recited by the newly professed to gain the Plenary Indulgence.

CEREMONY OF PROFESSION

(Plural Form)

On the day of profession, a solemn meeting of the members is held. The novices, wearing outwardly the scapular and cord, kneel at the altar railing. The officiating priest is vested in surplice and white stole.

Unless it has already been chanted or recited, the hymn "Veni, Creator Spiritus" opens the ceremony of profession. (See page 12).

After the last stanza the priest and his assistants say:

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Oremus:

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.*

L. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou wilt renew the face of the earth.

L. Let us Pray:

All: O God,* Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost,* grant that we may be truly wise in the same Spirit,* and ever rejoice in His consolations.

Da, quaesumus, Domine, his famulis tuis, quos (*quas*) Ordinis habitu decorare jam dignatus es,* ad inchoati operis perfectionem feliciter pervenire. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

The priest turning to the novices kneeling before him puts the following question:

Fratres carissimi (*Sorores carissimae*), quae est petitio vestra?

Dearest Brothers (*Sisters*), What is your request?

The novices answer:

Reverend Father,* I ask to be admitted to holy profession* in the Third Order of St. Francis,* that I may serve God in it till death.

The priest, having answered Deo gratias, shall address to the novices a few words on the sanctity of the profession they are about to make, giving them to understand that the profession implies no vow or other strict obligation under pain of sin; and that according to the Rule itself and the declarations of the Holy See, Tertiaries are not in conscience bound to more than the rest of the faithful.

Grant O Lord, we beseech Thee,* that these Thy servants,* whom Thou hast deigned to honor with the habit of the Order,* may happily attain to the completion of the work begun.* Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Dearest Brothers (*Sisters*), What is your request?

Reverend Father,* I ask to be admitted to holy profession* in the Third Order of St. Francis,* that I may serve God in it till death.

However, he shall not fail to commend, and to endeavor to strengthen the novices' fervor and devotion, by examples drawn from the lives of the saints, the salutary effects to be derived from the profession, or by other reflections according as circumstances may dictate.

The novices, kneeling before the priest, shall pronounce the following formula of profession in the vernacular appearing on the opposite page. To safeguard against omissions, the priest may deem it advisable to prompt the formula of profession phrase by phrase.

I, in the presence of almighty God,* in honor of the immaculate Virgin Mary,* of blessed Father Francis and of all the saints,* promise to observe, all the time of my life,* the commandments of God and the Rule of the Third Order,* instituted by the same blessed Francis,* according to the form approved by Nicholas the Fourth and Leo the Thirteenth* also to satisfy,* at the pleasure of the Visitor,* for faults committed against the same Rule.

And I, on the part of God, if you observe these things, promise you life everlasting. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

After the novices have pronounced the profession, the priest replies:

Et ego, ex parte Dei, si haec observaveritis, promitto vobis vitam aeternam. In nomine Patris, et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

The priest, assistants and the newly professed arise. While the priest and assistants recite the "Te Deum," the assembly may sing the hymn, "Holy God, we praise Thy Name" or the English version of the "Te Deum" appearing on the opposite page.

1. Te Deum laudamus, te Dominum confitemur.

2. Te aeternum Patrem omnis terra veneratur.

3. Tibi omnes Angeli, tibi coeli et universae postestates;

4. Tibi Cherubim et Seraphim, incessabili voce proclamant:

5. Sanctus,

6. Sanctus,

7. Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

8. Pleni sunt coeli et terra majestatis gloriae tuae.

9. Te gloriosus Apostolorum chorus,

10. Te prophetarum laudabilis numerus,

11. Te martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus.

1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

2. All the earth worships Thee, the Father everlasting.

3. To Thee all angels, to Thee the heavens and all the heavenly powers:

4. To Thee the cherubim and seraphim continually cry:

5. Holy,

6. Holy,

7. Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

8. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

9. The glorious choir of the Apostles,

10. The admirable company of the prophets

11. The white-robed army of martyrs praise Thee.

12. Te per orbem terrarum sancta confite-
tur Ecclesia,

13. Patrem immensae majestatis;

14. Venerandum tuum verum et unicum
Filius;

15. Sanctum quoque Paraclitum Spiritum.

16. Tu Rex gloriae, Christe.

17. Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.

18. Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hom-
inem, non horruisti Virginis uterum.

19. Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, aperuisti
credentibus regna coelorum.

20. Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria
Patris.

21. Iudex crederis esse venturus.

22. Te ergo quaesumus, tuis famulis sub-
veni, quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.

23. Aeterna fac cum sanctis tuis in gloria
numerari.

24. Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine,
et benedic haereditati tuae.

25. Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in
aeternum.

26. Per singulos dies benedicimus te.

27. Et laudamus nomen tuum in saecul-
um, et in saeculum saeculi.

12. The Holy Church throughout the world acknowledge Thee,

13. The Father of infinite Majesty;

14. Thy adorable, true, and only Son;

15. Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

16. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

17. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

18. When Thou didst take upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

19. Having overcome the sting of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

20. Thou sittest on the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

21. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

22. We therefore pray Thee, to help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

23. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in everlasting glory.

24. O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thy inheritance.

25. Govern them and lift them up forever.

26. Every day we magnify Thee.

27. And we praise Thy name forever and ever.

28. Dignare, Domine, die isto sine peccato nos custodire.

29. Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere nostri.

30. Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos; quemadmodum speravimus in te.

31. In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos (*Salvas fac famulas tuas*).

R. Deus meus, sperantes in te.

V. Mitte eis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos (*eas*).

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eis.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere eis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

28. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

29. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

30. Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us; as our trust is in Thee.

31. In Thee, O Lord, I have trusted; let me never be confounded.

L. Confirm, O God, the work which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. From Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

L. Save Thy servants.

R. Trusting in Thee, O my God.

L. Send them help, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary

R. And from Sion protect them.

L. Let not the enemy prevail against them.

R. Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt them.

L. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

L. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy Spirit.

Oremus:

Deus, cujus misericordiae non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus,* piissimae majestati tuae pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes; ut, qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens ad praemia futura disponas.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum praeparasti,* quaesumus: ut, qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui praevisa eam ab omni labe praeservasti, nos quoque mundo ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

Domine Jesu Christi, qui, frigescente mundo, ad inflammandum corda nostra tui amoris igne in carne beatissimi patris nostri Francisci passionis tuae sacra Stigmata renovasti;* concede propitius, ut ejus meritis et precibus crucem jugiter feramus, et dignos fructus poenitentiae faciamus.

When one or more Brothers have made profession, the prayer to St. Louis is said; otherwise, omitted.

L. Let us Pray:

All: O God, Whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite;* we render thanks to Thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us,* evermore beseeching Thy clemency,* that, as Thou grantest the petitions of them that ask Thee,* Thou wilt never forsake them,* but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

O God, Who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin,* didst prepare a worthy dwelling for Thy Son;* we beseech Thee,* that, as in view of the death of that Son* Thou didst preserve her from all stain of sin,* so Thou wouldst enable us,* being made pure by her intercession,* to come unto Thee.

O Lord Jesus Christ,* Who, when the world was growing cold* didst renew the sacred marks of Thy passion in the most blessed Francis,* to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love;* mercifully grant that by his merits and prayers* we may always carry the cross and bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

When one or more Brothers have been invested, the prayer to St. Louis is said; otherwise, omitted.

Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad coelestis regni gloriam transtulisti,* ejus quaesumus, meritis et intercessione Regis regum Jesu Christi, Filii tui, facias nos esse consortes.

When one or more Sisters have made profession, the prayer to St. Elizabeth is said; otherwise, omitted.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra,* et beatae Elisabeth precibus gloriosis, fac nos prospera mundi despiciere, et coelesti semper consolatione gaudere.

The concluding oration is said in every case:

Deus, qui famulos tuos (*famulas tuas*) a vanitate saeculi conversos (*conversas*) ad bravium supernae vocationis assequendum accendis:* pectoribus eorum (*earum*) illabere, et gratiam tuam, qua in te perseverent, illis infunde; ut protectionis tuae muniti (*munitae*) praesidiis, quod te donante promiserunt adimpleant, et sancte vivendi aliis semper exemplum praebentes, ad ea, quae perseverantibus promissa sunt, aeterna praemia perveniant. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

O God, Who hast translated blessed Louis, Thy confessor,* from an earthly reign to the glory of a heavenly kingdom,* grant, we beseech Thee,* that, through his merits and intercession,* we may become the companions of the King of kings, Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

When one or more Brothers have been invested, the prayer to St. Elizabeth is said; otherwise, omitted.

O merciful God, enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful,* and grant, through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth,* that we may despise the pleasing things of the world,* and ever enjoy the consolations of Heaven.

O God who dost inflame Thy servants,* turned away from the vanity of the world,* to strive after the reward of a heavenly vocation;* take possession of their hearts,* and infuse into them Thy grace,* by means of which they may remain true to Thee,* so that, fortified by the aid of Thy protection,* they may fulfill what at Thy inspiration they promised,* and always giving others a good example,* they may obtain those eternal rewards which are promised to those that persevere,* through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you, and have mercy on

Benedicat vobis Dominus et custodiat vos. Ostendat Dominus faciem suam vobis, et misereatur vestri. Convertat Dominus vultum suum ad vos et det vobis pacem. Dominus vos benedicat + Amen.

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti descendat super vos et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

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you. May He turn His countenance to you, and give you peace. May the Lord bless + you. Amen.

May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and remain forever.

R. Amen.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION

(Singular Form)

Requirements: For the validity of the investment the proper delegation from a provincial superior of the First Franciscan Order or Third Order Regular is required. The ritual prayers must be said in Latin, except the petition proffered by the postulant. The priest is vested in surplice and white stole; and has arranged before him the scapular and cord, holy water and a lighted wax candle.

The priest asks the postulant kneeling before him the following question:

Quid postulas?

What do you ask?

The postulant answers:

Rev. Father, I humbly ask of you the habit of the Third Order of Penance, in order that with it I may more easily obtain eternal salvation.

The priest answers: Deo gratias! and proceeds to the blessing of the habit (scapular and cord), saying:

V. Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini

R. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

The prayer immediately following is omitted when the investment is strictly private, namely, outside of a meeting of the Third Order.

Oremus:

Omnipotens, sempiternus Deus, qui per mortem Unigeniti Filii tui Domini nostri Iesu Christi mundum restaurare misericorditer dignatus es, ut a morte perpetua nos liberares, et ad gaudia perduceres paradisi: respice, quaesumus, pietatis tuae oculo devotam hanc familiam tuam, hic hodie in tuo nomine con-

gregatam, cuius famulus tuus beatus Franciscus, ut tibi augeatur credentium numerus, exstitit institutor. Illam super firmam petram, quae Christus est, confirma, ut ab omnibus turbationibus mundi, carnis et diaboli secura, et incedens per tuorum semitam mandatorum meritis acerbissimae Filii tui passionis, et Immaculatae Matris eius semper Virginis Mariae, ac beati Patris nostri Francisci, omniumque sanctorum, gaudia aeterna possideat. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

The blessing of the scapular

Oremus:

Domine Iesu Christe, qui tegumen nostrae mortalitatis induere, et in praeseptio pannis involvi dignatus es, quique glorioso Confessori tuo beato Patri nostro Francisco tres Ordines instituere salubriter inspirasti, ac eosdem per summos Ecclesiae Pontifices, tui Vicarios, approbare fecisti, immensam tuae clementiae largitatem suppliciter exoramus, ut haec indumenta, quae idem beatus Franciscus ad poenitentiae indicium, ac pro valida contra

saeculum, carnem et daemonem armatura commilitones suos fratres de Poenitentia in Tertio Ordine portare constituit, bene†dicere, et sanctifi†care digneris, ut hic famulus tuus (*haec famula tua*), ea devote suscipiens, te ita induat, ut in spiritu humilitatis viam mandatorum tuorum ad mortem usque fideliter percurrat. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

The blessing of the cord:

Oremus:

Deus, qui, ut servum redimeres, Filium tuum per manus impiorum ligari voluisti, bene†dic, quaesumus, cingulum istud, et praesta, ut famulus tuus qui (*famula tua, quae*) hoc poenitentiae ligamine praecingitur, vinculorum eiusdem Domini nostri Iesu Christi perpetuo memor existat, tuisque semper obsequiis alligatum (*alligatam*) se esse cognoscat. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit . . . Amen.

The priest then sprinkles the scapular and cord with holy water and, kneeling, recites the hymn, "Veni, Creator Spiritus" with its proper versicles and oration as found on page 12.

The priest rises and turns to the postulant kneeling before him, and says:

Exuat te Dominus veterem hominem cum actibus suis, et cor tuum avertat a saeculi pompis, quibus abrenuntiasti, dum Baptismum suscepisti.

R. Amen.

When imposing the scapular the priest says:

Induat te Dominus novum hominem, qui secundum Deum creatus est in iustitia et sanctitate veritatis.

R. Amen.

When presenting the cord the priest says:

Praecingat te Dominus cingulo puritatis, et exstinguat in lumbis tuis humorem libidinis, ut maneat in te virtus continentiae et castitatis.

R. Amen.

When presenting the lighted candle the priest says:

Accipe, frater carissime, (*soror carissima*),
lumen Christi, in signum immortalitatis tuæ.

V. Amen.

Turning to the altar, the priest says:

Psalm 116

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate
eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos miseri-
cordia eius: et veritas Domini manet in aeter-
num.

Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es
in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Ieru-
salem.

V. Salvum (*salvam*) fac servum tuum
(*servam tuam*).

R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eum (*eam*).

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (*ea*).

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus:

Deus misericordiae, Deus pietatis, Deus a quo bona cuncta procedunt, sine quo nihil sanctum inchoatur, nihilque perficitur: precibus nostris benignus assiste, et hunc famulum tuum (*hanc famulam tuam*), cui in tuo sancto nomine sacrum poenitentiae habitum imposuimus, ab omnibus periculis mentis et corporis tua protectione defende, et concede ei in sancto proposito ad finem usque perseverare, ut, peccatorum suorum remissione percepta, ad consortium electorum tuorum pervenire mereatur.

Deus qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum praeparasti: quaesumus, ut, qui ex morte eiusdem Filii tui praevisa eam ab omni labe praeservasti, nos quoque mundos, eius intercessione, ad te pervenire concedas.

Deus, qui mira crucis mysteria in tuo devotissimo Confessore beato Francisco multiformiter demonstrasti, da famulis tuis, ipsius semper exempla sectari, et assidua eiusdem crucis meditatione muniri.

When the newly invested novice is a Brother, the prayer to St. Louis is said; otherwise, omitted.

Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum Confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad coelestis regni gloriam transtulisti: eius, quaesumus, meritis et intercessione Regis regum Iesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes. (Qui tecum vivit et regnat in saecula saeculorum.

R. Amen).

When the newly invested novice is a Sister, the prayer to St. Elizabeth is said; otherwise, omitted.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra et beatae Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despiciere, et coelesti semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum, etc.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

Turning to the newly invested novice, the priest says:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, † et Spiritus Sancti descendat super te, et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

CEREMONY OF PROFESSION

(Singular Form)

Requirements: For the validity of the profession a year and a day must have elapsed since the investment; the officiating priest must have the proper delegation from the Provincial superior of the First Franciscan Order or Third Order Regular. The ritual prayers must be said in Latin, except the petition and the formula of profession pronounced by the novice. (Can. 573 coll. Can. 34). The priest is vested in surplice and white stole; the novice, wearing outwardly the scapular and cord, kneels before him.

The ceremony of profession opens with the recitation of the hymn, "Veni, Creator Spiritus" (See page 12). After the last stanza the priest and assistants say:

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Oremus:

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere et de eius semper consolatione gaudere.

Da, quaesumus, Domine, huic famulo tuo (*famulae tuae*), quem (*quam*) Ordinis habitu decorare iam dignatus es, ad inchoati operis perfectionem feliciter pervenire. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

The priest turns to the novice kneeling before him and puts the question:

Frater (*vel Soror*) N., quid postulas?

Brother (*Sister*) N., what do you ask?

The novice says:

Reverend Father, I ask to be admitted to holy profession in the Third Order of St. Francis, that I may serve God in it till death.

The priest answers:

Deo gratias!

The novice then pronounces the formula appearing below. In order to insure against omissions, the priest may deem it advisable to prompt the formula of profession phrase by phrase.

I, in the presence of almighty God, in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, of blessed Father Francis and of all the saints, promise to observe, all the time of my life,

the commandments of God and the Rule of the Third Order, instituted by the same blessed Francis, according to the form approved by Nicholas the Fourth and Leo the Thirteenth; also to satisfy, at the pleasure of the Visitor, for transgressions committed against the same Rule.

The priest says:

Et ego, ex parte Dei, si haec observaveris, promitto tibi vitam aeternam. In nomine Patris, et Filii, † et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

And I, on the part of God, if you observe these things, promise you life everlasting. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

At this point the newly professed novice rises, and the priest recites the hymn, "Te Deum" with the versicles following it as found on page 32 and 36 up to: "Dominus vobiscum."

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus:

Deus, cujus misericordiae non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus,* piissimae majestati tuae pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes; ut, qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens ad praemia futura disponas.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum praeparasti,* quaesumus: ut, qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui praevisa eam ab omni labe praeservasti, nos quoque mundo ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

Domine Jesu Christi, qui, frigescente mundo, ad inflammandum corda nostra tui amoris igne in carne beatissimi patris nostri Francisci passionis tuae sacra Stigmata renovasti;* concede propitius, ut ejus meritis et precibus crucem jugiter feramus, et dignos fructus poenitentiae faciamus.

If the newly professed is a Brother, the prayer to St. Louis is said; otherwise, omitted.

Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum Confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad coelestis regni glo-

riam transtulisti; eius, quaesumus, meritis et intercessione, Regis regum Iesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes.

If the newly professed is a Sister, the prayer to St. Elizabeth is said; otherwise, omitted.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra et beatae Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despiciere, et coelesti semper consolatione gaudere.

The concluding oration is said in every case.

Deus qui famulum tuum (*famulam tuam*) a vanitate saeculi conversum (*conversam*) ad bravium supernae vocationis assequendum accendis: pectori eius illabere, et gratiam tuam qua in te perseveret illi infunde: ut protectionis tuae munitus (*munita*) praesidiis, quod te donante promisit, adimpleat, et sancte vivendi aliis semper exemplum praebens ad ea, quae perseverantibus promissa sunt aeterna praemia perveniat. Per Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

R. Amen.

The priest bestows the so-called Blessing of St. Francis:

Benedicat tibi Dominus, et custodiat te. Ostendat Dominus faciem suam tibi, et misereatur tui. Convertat Dominus vultum suum ad te, et det tibi pacem. Dominus te † benedicat. Amen.

Thereupon, the priestly blessing is bestowed upon all present:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, † et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos, et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

Finally, the priest presents the crucifix to the newly professed, who kisses the feet, in token of love for our Lord and as a pledge of everlasting fidelity.

One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory are recited by the newly professed to gain the Plenary Indulgence.

THE INDULGENCED BLESSING—
GENERAL ABSOLUTION FOR TERTI-
ARIES. If given immediately after Sacramen-
tal Absolution, the priest uses the following
form:

Auctoritate a Summis Pontificibus mihi
concessa plenariam omnium peccatorum tu-
orum indulgentiam tibi impertior: In nomine
Patris et Filii + et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Any priest having the faculties of the dio-
cese can impart to individuals in the con-
fessional (even without previous sacramental
confession) the Indulged Blessing in this
short form.

For the public bestowal of the Indulged
Blessing the longer ritual form must be em-
ployed.

Days on which Tertiaries are entitled to the Indulgenced Blessing:

The Indulgenced Blessing can be given on any of the days within the octave of the feasts indicated below:

Circumcision of Our Lord, Jan. 1.
Epiphany, Jan. 6.
Purification of the B. V. M., Feb. 2.
Way of the Cross, First Friday of Lent.
St. Joseph, March 19.
Annunciation of the B. V. M., March 25.
Every day of Holy Week.
Easter Sunday.
Ascension Thursday.
Pentecost Sunday.
Trinity Sunday.
Corpus Christi.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29.
Visitation of the B. V. M., July 2.
St. Clare, Aug. 12.
Assumption of the B. V. M., Aug. 15.
Seven Joys of the B. V. M., Aug. 22.
St. Louis, King, Aug. 25.
Nativity of the B. V. M., Sept. 8.
Stigmata of St. Francis, Sept. 17.

St. Francis, Oct. 4.

All Saints, Nov. 1.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Nov. 19.

Presentation of the B. V. M., Nov. 21.

St. Catherine, Nov. 25.

Immaculate Conception of the B. V. M., Dec.
8.

Nativity of Our Lord, Dec. 25.

