

RITUAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF JESUS THE PRIEST

General notes

- The texts of the Rites are in the singular. Where there are more candidates, it will be the Celebrant's concern to adapt them to the plural.
- In the Perpetual Profession, during the recitation of the Eucharistic Prayer, the remembrance of the Professed is foreseen. For this prayer, please refer to the Missals approved by the local Episcopal Conference in use in your own territory.

INITIATION INTO RELIGIOUS LIFE

1. On the day when the canonical Novitiate begins, it is fitting that there should be a special ceremony by which one asks for God's help in achieving the goals proper to the Novitiate.
2. The Rite of Initiation should be simple and without any special solemnity. Consequently, it should not be performed *infra Missam* but, more appropriately, in a special celebration of the Word of God in which the nature of religious life and the character of the Institute are presented.

RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE NOVITIATE

After a few words of greeting, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, calls the Candidate to the Novitiate, saying:

Let the Postulant who has asked to be admitted to the Novitiate present himself at the altar.

A roll call follows and the Postulant responds:

Here I am!

The Celebrant:

Beloved brother, having completed the period of probation, you have come before the Lord. What do you desire?

The Postulant:

Desiring to continue my journey towards the total donation of myself to the Lord Jesus, I ask to be received into the Novitiate of the Institute of Jesus the Priest, an Institute aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family.

The Celebrant:

Your request is a manifestation of a gift that the Lord has placed in your heart for the good of the Church and of all humanity. Are you aware of the great love the Lord has for you?

The Postulant:

I realize that the Lord exceeds my expectations and, even with my frailties, I want to begin this journey.

The Celebrant:

Since the Lord has placed this sublime desire in your heart, I receive you in the Novitiate of the Institute of Jesus the Priest. May Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo instill in you a passion for the Gospel and for humanity of our time. May Jesus Master, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of the Apostles, and of Saint Paul the Apostle, our Father, confirm, strengthen and bring to fulfilment your aspiration.

Hear us, O Lord.

For our brother N., who renewed his religious vows today, that the Divine Master may make him constant in prayer, charity and apostolic commitment, we pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

When the intentions are over, the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

O God, source of all holiness, listen to the prayers of this family, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, bless and protect this son of yours, so that he may faithfully fulfil, with your help, what he has promised through your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

*While the Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant consigns the Statute to the Novice, saying:

Receive the Statute of the Institute of Jesus the Priest, in order to understand it and live it. It will be a sure guide for your journey in preparation for the profession of the evangelical counsels.

The Novice responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

Let us pray: O God, who sent your Spirit upon the Apostles in prayer with Mary, Mother of Jesus, grant us, through her intercession, to serve you always faithfully and to be able to spread everywhere the glory of your name by our words and our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen!

RITE OF FIRST PROFESSION

During the Mass

Convocation

After the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, makes this invitation:

Let the Novice who has asked to be admitted to the First Religious Profession present himself at the altar.

A roll call follows and the Novice responds:

Here I am!

The Celebrant asks the Novice:

Beloved brother, you have experienced and shared according to your condition as diocesan priest, what it entails to live and witness in the world to Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life according to the charism of Blessed James Alberione handed down to the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family. You have heard the word of God and the community gathered here has prayed with you and for you. What do you now ask of God and his holy Church?

The Novice answers:

I desire to be able to live, for the greater glory of God, in the mission and ministry of the priesthood, assuming the Pauline spirituality and the commitments proper to the Institute of Jesus the Priest. Therefore, I ask to make the profession of the Evangelical Counsels in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, sharing its spirituality and mission.

chastity and poverty for one year (two years) and make a special promise of fidelity to the Pope, in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, according to its Statute. I trust, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and with the help of Saint Paul the Apostle, to attain perfect pastoral charity in the service of God and the Church.

The Celebrant:

And I, in the name of the Church, receive the vows made by you in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring to completion your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Rite concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful, introduced by the Celebrant:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us address our prayer to God the Father for his holy Church, for the peace and salvation of the world, and for this brother of ours, who today has renewed his vows in the Institute of Jesus the Priest.

The Assembly responds:

Hear us, O Lord.

(The intentions suggested here should be included.)

For our brother N., who renewed his religious vows today, that in his life of poverty, chastity and obedience, he may manifest the fruitfulness of the Church, we pray.

At the end of the Homily, the Celebrant invites those present to ask for divine help with these words:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us pray to God our Father, who grants perseverance in doing good, for this his minister who today before the Church renews his profession of the evangelical counsels.

The Celebrant:

Hear, O Lord, we beseech you, the supplications of your people united in prayer; dispose with heavenly grace the heart of your minister who is about to consecrate himself to you, so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify his heart from all stain and totally kindle in him the ardor of your charity. Grant that he may continue with generous and constant dedication the journey he has undertaken with so much enthusiasm. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen!

RENEWAL OF PROFESSION

Two professed members approach the altar and stay beside the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to serve as qualified witnesses. The one who is to renew his vows approaches the Celebrant and, substituting "one year" with "two years" in case of the two-year period, proclaims the formula of profession with his right hand on the book of the Gospels.

I, _____, priest of the Diocese of _____, for the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself more intimately to God and to follow more closely Jesus Christ, the eternal Priest, for the greater sanctification of myself and of my neighbor, profess the vows of obedience,

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains the biblical readings, the gift and the responsibilities of consecration for the sanctification of the one called, for the good of the Church and of the entire human family (particularly with reference to the purpose and activities of the Institute of Jesus the Priest).

Examination

After the Homily, the assembly remains seated, the Novice rises and the Celebrant asks him:

Beloved brother, in Baptism you died to sin, you were reborn into the life of son of God and you were united to the Holy People of God, which is the Church, Bride and Body of the Lord. By Holy Order, through the imposition of hands, you have been configured to Christ the Shepherd to serve your particular Church and to live in communion with the other priests in filial obedience to your Bishop. Do you now resolve to give yourself exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, by the profession of the Evangelical Counsels?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of God's Grace, to embrace and observe that same life of obedience, chastity and poverty that Christ the Lord, High and Eternal Priest, chose in order to follow him in the way of evangelical perfection, according to the spirit of Saint Paul the Apostle?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve to strive steadfastly and firmly for perfect love of God and neighbor, in obedience to the Gospel, in the Pauline spirituality and observing the proper commitments arising from membership in the Institute of Jesus the Priest?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to spend your whole life generously in the service of God's people?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant confirms his resolve, saying:

God who began this good work in you, may He himself bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

Let us pray. Hear, O Lord, we beseech you, the requests of your people in prayer; dispose with heavenly grace the heart of your servant who is about to consecrate himself to you so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may cleanse his heart from every stain, and set him on fire with the ardor of your charity. Through Christ our Lord.

RITE FOR THE RENEWAL OF PROFESSION

During the Mass

1. The renewal of vows, if deemed opportune, may be done during the Mass.
2. The Rite of Renewal of Vows should be performed with the utmost simplicity.
3. It is good that the one who is delegated to receive the renewal of vows presides over the Eucharistic celebration.

INITIAL RITES

The Mass begins in the usual manner.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be chosen either from the Mass of the day or from the texts suggested in the Rite of Religious Profession.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

After the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, calls the Candidate by name and he rises and responds:

Here I am.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains both the biblical readings and the specific character and purpose of the consecrated life.

The Celebrant:

**May He grant you to walk in the joy of Christ
the narrow path that you have chosen
serving God and your brothers and sisters with undivided heart.**

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

**May the love of God make all of you one true family,
united in the name of the Lord,
sign and image of Christ's love.**

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
descend upon all of you
who have participated in this holy Liturgy.**

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

Glorify the Lord with your lives. Go in peace.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Profession

Two members already professed in the Institute, approach the altar and stay next to the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to fulfil the function of qualified witnesses. The Novice presents himself before the Celebrant and reads the formula of profession, placing his right hand on the book of the Gospels.

**I, _____, priest of the Diocese of _____,
for the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, moved by a firm resolve to
consecrate myself more intimately to God and to follow more
closely Jesus Christ, the eternal Priest, for the greater sanctification
of myself and of my neighbor, profess the vows of obedience,
chastity, and poverty for one year, and make a special promise of
fidelity to the Pope, in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated
to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family,
according to its Statute. I trust, with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the
Apostles, and with the help of Saint Paul the Apostle, to attain
perfect pastoral charity in the service of God and the Church.**

The Celebrant receiving the vows responds:

**And I, in the name of the Church receive the vows made by you in
the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint
Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring
to perfection your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice.
May Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo guide your
steps.**

The Celebrant consigns the Letters of Saint Paul to the newly Professed saying:

**May the Letters of Saint Paul be light to your mind, wisdom of life
in the fulfilment of your pastoral ministry and the living hope for
eternity.**

The newly Professed responds:

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Rite concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.

The Celebrant:

Today the Institute of Jesus the Priest is in festivity for the profession of this brother of ours who intends to devote himself with greater commitment to the service of Christ and the Church. United in prayer, let us invoke God our Father so that he may bless him and confirm him in his intent.

The Assembly responds:

Hear us, O Lord.

For the holy Church of God, that enlightened by the virtues of her children she may always shine before Christ her Bridegroom, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For the Holy Father, Pope ..., the Bishops and the Priests, that faithful to their apostolic ministry, they may nourish the entire People of God with their word and guide them with caring love, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For our brother, N., who today has consecrated himself to the service of God in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, that he may grow in the spirituality proper to the Institute and be an ardent apostle in the service of the Diocese, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

May he observe with firm commitment and diligently imitate the examples of the Jesus Divine Master, Way, Truth and Life.

By the exemplary nature of his life let him build up the Church, promote the salvation of the world and be a clear sign of heavenly good things. Holy Father, be for this servant of yours his defense and guide along the way; and when he comes before your Son, be his reward and his prize. May he rejoice in having fulfilled the obligations of his donation and, confirmed in your love, may he enjoy in the community of the Saints, with whom he will honor you forever. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

CONCLUDING RITES

At the end of the Prayer after Communion, the newly Perpetually Professed goes before the altar and the Celebrant, with his arms extended over him and the people, blesses with the following formula:

**May God, inspirer of holy intentions,
enlighten and strengthen you
that you may faithfully keep your promise.**

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, according to its Statute. I trust, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and with the help of Saint Paul the Apostle, to attain perfect pastoral charity in the service of God and the Church.

The Celebrant:

And I, in the name of the Church, receive the vows made by you in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring to perfection your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Celebrant consigns the Bible to the Perpetually Professed.

Receive the Sacred Scriptures. Live, proclaim and witness to the Gospel, following the example of the Apostle Paul.

The Perpetually Professed responds:

Amen.

*While the newly Perpetually Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.*

Solemn Blessing of the Perpetually Professed

The newly Perpetually Professed kneels before the altar. The Celebrant with hands extended says:

Turn, O Lord, your benevolent gaze upon this priest of yours, who has consecrated himself more closely to you by the new bond of profession of Evangelical Counsels. Infuse in him your Spirit of holiness so that what he has promised through your gift he may faithfully fulfil with your help.

For the peace and salvation of the world, that all the baptized may be messengers and agents of the peace of Christ, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For all those consecrated to God, that they may always give example of fraternal love and, like the first disciples of Jesus, be of one heart and one soul, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For all of us gathered here, that through prayer and example we may be light and leaven in the world, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

The Celebrant concludes:

Receive, O Lord, the invocations of your people and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of the Apostles, pour out the Holy Spirit on this your son, whom you have called to follow more closely Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life, so that what he promises today with his first profession, through the intercession of Saint Paul the Apostle and Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, may be confirmed by his whole life. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

*While the newly Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

RITE OF PERPETUAL PROFESSION

During the Mass

1. To celebrate the Rite of Perpetual Profession, preference should be given to Sunday or to a Solemnity of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of Saints to whom the Pauline Family has a particular devotion.
2. The Rite of Perpetual Profession is ordinarily held in the chapel of the religious community. If deemed opportune, for pastoral reasons and in order to encourage the edification and participation of the people of God, the Rite may be celebrated in the Cathedral Church or in a Parish Church.

INITIAL RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings can be chosen either from the Mass of the day or from the texts suggested in the Rite of Religious Profession.

Convocation

After the proclamation of the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, convokes the Candidate.

Let him who has made the request to make the Perpetual Religious Profession present himself at the altar before the people of God.

A roll call follows and the Professed responds:

Here I am!

That you may make this servant of yours,
who consecrate his life to you today,
more and more conformed to the image of Christ *we pray you, hear us*
That you may help the Pauline family to live in the charity of Christ
according to the example of the Apostle Paul *we pray you, hear us*
Christ, hear us *Christ, hear us*
Christ, graciously hear us *Christ, graciously hear us*

The Celebrant:

Let us pray. Hear, O Lord, the invocations of your people in prayer; dispose with heavenly grace the heart of your servant who is about to consecrate himself to you forever so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify his heart from every stain, and enkindle totally in him the ardor of your charity. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Profession

After the Litany, two already professed members approach the altar and stay next to the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to fulfil the function of qualified witnesses. The temporary Professed proclaims the formula of perpetual profession, placing his right hand on the book of the Gospels.

I, _____, priest of the Diocese of _____, for the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself more intimately to God and to follow more closely Jesus Christ, the eternal Priest, for the greater sanctification of myself and of my neighbor, profess the vows of obedience, chastity and poverty for all my life and make a special promise of fidelity to the Pope, in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, aggregated

Saint Lawrence	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Agnes	<i>pray for us</i>
You all Holy Martyrs	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Basil	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Augustine	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Benedict	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Bernard	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Francis	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Dominic	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Ignatius of Loyola	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Vincent de Paul	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint John Bosco	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Catherine of Siena	<i>pray for us</i>
Saint Teresa of Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>
Blessed James Alberione	<i>pray for us</i>
Blessed Timothy Giaccardo	<i>pray for us</i>
All you Saints of God	<i>pray for us</i>
From all evil	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
From all sin	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
From eternal death	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
Through your incarnation	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
Through your death and resurrection	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit	<i>deliver us, Lord</i>
We sinners	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>
That you may increase in your servant our Pope	
and in all the ministers of the Church	
the gifts of the Holy Spirit	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>
That you may give the Church and humanity	
an ever more fruitful life through the offering	
and mission of your children	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>
That you may enlighten and guide the life and work	
of consecrated persons for the peace and good	
of the whole human family	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>
That you bless, sanctify and consecrate	
this minister of yours	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>
That you may give this minister of yours	
the gift of fidelity and perseverance	<i>we pray you, hear us</i>

The Celebrant, addressing the Professed, says:

Beloved brother, you have experienced and shared according to your condition as diocesan priest what it entails to live and witness in the world to Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life according to the Charism of Blessed James Alberione handed on to the Institute of Jesus the Priest. You have heard the word of God and the ecclesial community gathered here has prayed with you and for you. What do you now ask of God and his holy Church?

The Professed answers:

I ask to make a lifelong profession of the Evangelical Counsels in the Institute of Jesus the Priest, living the mission and priestly ministry for the greater glory of God.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains the biblical readings, the gift and the responsibility of perpetual religious profession for the sanctification of the one called, for the good of the Church and of the whole human family (particularly with reference to the character and activities of the Institute of Jesus the Priest).

Examination

At the end of the Homily, the Professed rises and the Celebrant asks him:

Beloved brother, in Baptism you died to sin and were reborn into the new life of son of God and member of God's Holy People, the Church, Bride and Body of the Lord. By Holy Order, through the laying on of hands, you have been configured to Christ the Shepherd to serve your diocesan Church in a special way and to live in communion with the other priests in filial obedience to the Bishop.

Do you now resolve to give yourself exclusively and forever to our Lord Jesus Christ through the profession of the Evangelical Counsels?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of God's grace, to embrace and observe that same life of obedience, chastity, and poverty which Christ the Lord, High and Eternal Priest, chose?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve to strive with constancy and firmness towards perfect love of God and neighbor, faithfully following the Gospel, the Pauline spirituality and the duties arising from belonging to the Institute of Jesus the Priest?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to generously spend your whole life in the service of God's people?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant confirms his resolve, saying:

May God who began this good work in you, bring it to completion until the day of Christ the Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Litany

The Celebrant introduces the singing of the Litany of the Saints:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us humbly address our prayer to God the Father, giver of all good, so that through the intercession of all the Saints, he may confirm the resolve that he himself has awoken in this his son.

The choir begins the Litany and the assembly responds. The name of the Patron Saint of the Professed may be inserted at the appropriate place.

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Holy Mary, Queen of the Apostles

Saint Michael

Saint Gabriel

You all Holy Angels of God

Saint John the Baptist

Saint Joseph

Saints Peter and Paul

Saint John

You all Holy Apostles and Evangelists

Saint Mary Magdalene

You all holy disciples of the Lord

Saint Stephen

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

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