

# *Rite of Temporary Profession*

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*The profession of temporary vows is a public profession by which the religious consecrates herself to God and the mission of the Church by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This consecration will be realized by observing the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and living in poverty, obedience, and chastity according to the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.*



We invite you to prayerfully participate in the Mass.

Due to the Diocesan safety guidelines regarding Covid 19,  
all must refrain from congregational singing  
and keep social distance during the Liturgy.

**Prelude:** *Instrumental*

**Introit:** *Psalm* (Weber)

Ant: Behold, I come, O Lord, that I may do your will. O my God, I have vowed it, and your law lies deep within me.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his wondrous deeds among all the nations.

**Gloria:** *Mass in Honor of St. Thomas More* (Weber)

**First Reading:** *Genesis 12:1-4a*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 33* (Weber)

℟. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Give thanks to the Lord on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.  
Sing to him a new song;  
pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

For upright is the word of the Lord,  
all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
Of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

But the plan of the Lord stands forever;  
the design of his heart through all generations.  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people chosen as his own inheritance.

From heaven the Lord looks down  
he sees all mankind.  
From his fixed throne he beholds  
all who dwell on earth.



**Second Reading:** *Acts 2:42-47*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *2 Timothy 2:11-12* (Weber)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him, and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 11:25-30*





## RITE OF TEMPORARY PROFESSION

*After the Gospel the celebrant and the people sit, but those to be professed stand.  
The novice directress then calls them by name.*

### CALLING

**Novice Directress:** Fr. Coonan, Fr. Leonard, Sister M. Angela, Sisters, family, and friends, Sister Mary Peter Ruschke, OSF, Sister Zélie Marie Warrell, OSF, and Sister Mary Amata Naville, OSF are requesting to make profession in our religious congregation. They have studied our Rule and Constitution and have lived among us in community.

*Addressing the novices she continues:*

Sister Mary Peter, Sister Zélie Marie, and Sister Mary Amata, what is your response to God's invitation to dedicate yourself to Him and His Kingdom?

**Novice:** Lord, you have called me; here I am.

**The celebrant then questions them:**

My dear sisters, what do you ask of God and of his Holy Church?

**Novice:** I ask for God's merciful love and a share in the life of this religious community of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

*The celebrant and all the members  
of the religious community reply:* Thanks be to God.

### HOMILY

## EXAMINATION

*After the homily, those to be professed stand (when Celebrant stands), and the celebrant questions them on their readiness to dedicate themselves to God and to seek perfect charity according to the Rule and Constitution of this religious community.*

**Celebrant:** My dear sisters, by water and the Holy Spirit you have already been consecrated to God's service: are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to him by the new bond of religious profession?

**Novice:** I am so resolved.

**Celebrant:** In your desire to follow Christ perfectly, are you resolved to live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, to choose a life of poverty, and to offer the sacrifice of obedience?

**Novice:** I am.

**Celebrant:** May almighty God grant you His grace to fulfill what you resolve.

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE

*The celebrant then prays for God's help, saying:*

Let us pray:

*All pray for a while in silence. The celebrant continues:*

Lord, look upon these servants of yours  
who are resolved to dedicate their lives to you  
by making profession of the evangelical counsels  
in the presence of your Church today.  
Mercifully grant that their manner of life  
may bring glory to your name  
and further your loving plan of redemption.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Celebrant and those to be professed return to their seats.*

## PROFESSION OF VOWS

Trusting in the grace the Lord has given me in Baptism, I, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, am firmly resolved to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis and our foundress Mother Maria Theresia.

Therefore, in the presence of this community, I vow to God to live for three years in poverty, obedience, and chastity, according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

I place my hands into your hands, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, and, with all my heart, I entrust myself to this religious family, that strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints, and with the support of my sisters, I will fulfill my consecration in the service of God and the Church.

**Provincial:** By the authority entrusted to me, and in the name of the Church, I receive the vows you have taken in the Community of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. I earnestly commend you to God, that your gift of self, made one with the sacrifice of the Eucharist, may be brought to perfection.

*After pronouncing vows the sister places her candle on the altar as a sign that her sacrifice is united to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*



## PRESENTATION OF THE INSIGNIA OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

### Presentation of the Veil

*After the profession, the celebrant, with the assistance of the provincial and the novice directress, clothes the newly professed with the veil, saying:*

**Celebrant:** Receive this veil, which proclaims that you belong entirely to Christ the Lord and are dedicated to the service of the Church.

**Newly Professed:** Amen.

### Presentation of the Rule and Constitution

**Celebrant:** Receive the Rule and Constitution of this religious community of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and show in your whole life what you have faithfully learned.

**Newly Professed:** Amen.

*After the last Sister has received the insignia, the Provincial and witnesses return to their seats. The newly professed remain standing facing the altar while Psalm 45 or another appropriate song is sung.*

**Antiphon:** *Psalm 45*

Ant: The queen stands at your right hand arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father's house.

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your Lord.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.

*After the Psalm is sung, the newly professed then face the congregation. A sign of joy and acceptance is given.*



## General Intercessions

**Offertory:** *1 Chronicles 29:17, 18, Psalm 121* (Weber)

Ant: O Lord, God, in the simplicity of my heart I have joyfully offered all these things; and I have seen with great joy your people who are present here. O God of Israel, keep this will, Lord God.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me:  
we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in your courts, O Jerusalem,  
Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

Pray for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem,  
and the abundance for those who love you.  
Let peace be in your strength, and abundance within your towers.

**Communion Antiphon:** *Matthew 12:50, Psalm 34* (Weber)

Ant: Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall be always in my mouth;  
let my soul glory in the Lord.

Come to him and be enlightened; and your faces shall not be confounded.  
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man who hopes in him.

**Communion Meditation:** *Instrumental*

**Recessional / Postlude:** *Instrumental*







*Sancte Ioseph, ora pro nobis.*



“God has manifested His great love through the unmerited grace  
of my vocation to the religious life.  
He has called me without any benefit to Himself.  
“You have not chosen me; I have chosen you.”  
-Bl. Mother Maria Theresia-