

THE  
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OF  
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C.PP.S.

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**SACRA CONGREGATIO  
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**CONGREGATIONIS MISSIONARIORUM PRETIOSISSIMI SANGUINIS**

Ordo Professionis Religiosae proprius,  
lingua anglica exaratus.

Probatum seu confirmatum.

Ex aedibus Sacrae Congregationis pro Sacramentis et Cultu Divino, die 12 Decembris 1977.

(Vergilius Noe)  
A Secretis a.

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Concordat cum originali  
a Sacra Congregatione Pro Sacramentis et Cultu Divino  
die 12 Decembris 1977 approbato,  
et in tabulario Generali, C.P.P.S., asservato.

Die 4 Februarii 1978.

William A. Volk, C.P.P.S.  
a Secretis

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*Instante Reverendo Patre Gulielmo Volk, Procuratore Generali Congregationis Missionariorum Pretiosissimi Sanguinis, litteris die 26 Novembris 1977 datis, vigore facultatum huic Sacrae Congregationi a Summa Pontifice PAULO VI tributarum, interpretationem anglicam Ordinis Professionis Religiosae proprii, prout in adnexo prostat exemplari, perlibenter probamus seu confirmamus.*

*In textu imprimendo mentio fiat de confirmatione ab Apostolica Sede concessa. Eiusdem insuper textus impressi duo exemplaria ad hanc Sacram Congregationem transmittantur.*

*Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.*

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*(Iacobus R. Card. Knox)*  
Praefectus

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## **THE RITE OF TEMPORARY INCORPORATION**

*(It is recommended that the rite of temporary incorporation take place in the context of the Eucharistic Liturgy. However, the rite may appropriately take place during another suitable liturgical action, such as an Hour of the Liturgy of the Hours, especially Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer, or during a Liturgy of the Word.)*

### **CALLING OF CANDIDATES** *(optional)*

*(After the Gospel and homily the celebrant and people sit. Those to be incorporated are then called by name. They answer "present", or use some other similar reply. The candidates then go before the celebrant.)*

### **REQUEST OF CANDIDATES** *(optional)*

*(One candidate makes the request if there are several being incorporated; or all may request together.)*

"By the favor of God, I (we) have come to know the life of dedication in the Society of the Precious Blood. Father Director, I (we) now ask to be accepted into the Society of the Precious Blood, for the praise of God and the service of the Church."

*(Other similar words may be used.)*

### **EXAMINATION**

**DIRECTOR:** *(Addressing the candidate or candidates)*

"In baptism you were washed and sanctified with the Blood of Christ. Do you now wish to follow more closely the Lamb of God, entering and forming part of the Society of the Precious Blood, living with us and observing our rules and regulations according to the spirit of St. Gaspar?"

**CANDIDATES:**

"I (we) do."

## **APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES** *(optional)*

DIRECTOR: *(Addressing the members of the Society who are present)*

"My brothers in community, you have heard the request of this (these) candidate(s). Is it your desire to welcome him (them) as our brother(s) in Christ and admit him (them) to membership in our Society?"

MEMBERS:

"It is. We embrace him (them) with the charity of Christ, and pledge to him (them) our love, understanding and support. Together, may we be examples to all of Christian virtue, and may we be tireless in the service of God and his Church."

DIRECTOR: *(addressing the candidates)*

"May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ALL:

"Amen."

## **PRAYER** *(The celebrant then prays for God's help, saying:)*

"Let us pray." *(Pause for silent prayer)*

"Lord, look upon this servant (these servants) of yours who wishes (wish) to dedicate his life (their lives) to you today in the presence of your Church by professing fidelity to the Society of the Precious Blood. In your love grant that his (their) way of life may bring glory to your name and further your eternal plan of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord." R. Amen.

## **PROFESSION**

*(Those to be incorporated approach the celebrant one by one, and recite the formula of incorporation.)*

CANDIDATE:

"In your presence, Father Director, trusting in God who is ever faithful, [and begging the intercession of Mary Help of Christians, of St. Francis Xavier our Patron, and of St. Gaspar our Founder], I, N.N., of my own free will, promise fidelity to the Society of the Precious Blood in accordance with its Constitution and Statutes, giving myself entirely to the service of God in the bond of charity for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s)."

*(The words in brackets may be omitted by a particular province, if so desired.)*

**PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA** *(optional)*

*(The celebrant may present an insignia of incorporation, either in silence or with a suitable formula.)*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE** *(optional)*

*(The Exchange of Peace may take place with the newly incorporated, according to the custom of the place. If the Sign of Peace is given here, it is omitted before Communion when this rite takes place in the Eucharistic Liturgy.)*

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*(The rite fittingly concludes with the General Intercessions.)*

*N.B. When the rite takes place in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the profession of faith is not said, even if prescribed by the rubrics of the day.*

## **THE RITE OF DEFINITIVE INCORPORATION**

### **CALLING OF CANDIDATES**

*(After the Gospel and homily the celebrant and people sit. Those to be incorporated are then called by name. They answer "present" or use some similar reply. The candidates then stand and go before the celebrant.)*

### **REQUEST OF CANDIDATES**

*(If there are several being incorporated, one candidate makes the request; or all may request together.)*

"By the favor of God I (we) have come to know the life of dedication in the Society of the Precious Blood. Father Director, I (we) now ask to be accepted into the Society of the Precious Blood, for the praise of God and the service of the Church."

*(The Calling of candidates and the Request of the candidates may be omitted in any particular province if so desired. Also, other words may be used for the Calling and Request.)*

### **EXAMINATION**

DIRECTOR: *(Addressing the candidate or candidates)*

"In baptism you were washed and sanctified with the Blood of Christ. Do you now wish to follow more closely the Lamb of God, entering and forming part of the Society of the Precious Blood, living with us and observing our rules and regulations according to the spirit of St. Gaspar?"

CANDIDATE(S):

"I (we) do."

### **APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES**

DIRECTOR: *(Addressing the members of the Society who are present)*

"My brothers in community, you have heard the request of this (these) candidate(s). Is it your desire to welcome him (them) as our brother(s) in Christ and admit him (them) to membership in our Society?"

MEMBERS:

"It is. We embrace him (them) with the charity of Christ, and pledge to him (them) our love, understanding and support. Together may we be examples to all of Christian virtue, and may we be tireless in the service of God and Church."

*(The asking of and receiving the approval is optional and may be either omitted or made in other words.)*

DIRECTOR: *(Addressing the candidate or candidates)*

"May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ALL:

"Amen."

**LITANY** *(The Litany of the Saints is sung or recited.)*

**PROFESSION**

*(After the Litany those to be incorporated approach the celebrant one by one, and read the formula of incorporation.)*

CANDIDATE:

"In your presence, Father Director, trusting in God who is ever faithful, [and begging the intercession of Mary Help of Christians, of St. Francis Xavier our Patron, and of St. Gaspar our Founder], I, N.N., of my own free will, promise fidelity to the Society of the Precious Blood in accordance with its Constitution and Statutes, giving myself entirely to the service of God in the bond of charity for the rest of my life."

*(The words in brackets may be omitted by a particular province if so desired.)*

DIRECTOR: *(After the last profession only, if there are several)*

"As Director of the N. Province of the Society of the Precious Blood, I accept your promise and I admit you into our Society definitively. Through your faith in Christ who has redeemed us through his Precious Blood, and through the bond of charity, may you with God's help remain a faithful member of the Society."

*(This response of the Director is optional and may be omitted, or he may use other words of confirmation.)*



## **SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT OF INCORPORATION**

*(The newly incorporated may go to the altar and sign the document of incorporation.  
This is optional and may be omitted. )*

## **SOLEMN BLESSING**

*(After the newly incorporated return to their places, one of the following blessings may  
be used.)*

DIRECTOR:

"Father in heaven,  
source of all holiness,  
creator of the human race,  
your love for us was so great  
that you gave us a share in your own divine life.  
Neither the sin of Adam  
nor even the sins of the whole world  
could alter your loving purpose.

In the dawn of history  
you gave us Abel as an example of holiness.  
Later, from your beloved Hebrew people  
you raised up men and women graced with every virtue.

Foremost among them all stands Mary,  
the ever-virgin daughter of Zion.  
From her pure womb was born Jesus Christ,  
your eternal Word, the Savior of the world.

You sent him, Father, as our pattern of holiness.  
He became poor to make us rich,  
a slave to set us free.  
With love no words can tell  
he redeemed the world by his paschal mystery  
and won from you the gifts of the Spirit  
to sanctify his Church.

The voice of the Spirit has drawn  
countless numbers of your children  
to follow in the footsteps of your Son.  
They leave all things  
to be one with you in the bonds of love  
and give themselves wholly to your service  
and the service of all your people.

Look with favor, then,  
 on these who have heard your call.  
 Send them the Spirit of holiness;  
 help them to fulfill in faith  
 what you have enabled them to promise in joy.  
 Keep always before their eyes Christ, the divine teacher.

May they build up the Church by the holiness of their lives,  
 advance the salvation of the world,  
 and stand as a sign of the blessings that are to come.

Lord, protect and guide these servants of yours.  
 At the judgment seat of your Son  
 be yourself their great reward.  
 Give them the joy of vows fulfilled.  
 Made perfect in your love,  
 may they rejoice in the communion of your saints  
 and praise you forever in their company.

We ask this through Christ our Lord."

R. Amen.

[*Alternate Solemn Prayer of Blessing:*]

"Lord God,  
 source of holiness and growth in your Church,  
 all creation owes you its debt of praise.  
 In the beginning of time  
 you created the world to share your joy.  
 When it lay broken by Adam's sin,  
 you promised a new heaven and a new earth.  
 You entrusted the earth to man's care,  
 to be made fruitful by his work.  
 Living in this world  
 men were to direct their steps to the heavenly city.  
 By your sacraments  
 you make us your children  
 and welcome us into your Church;  
 you distribute among us  
 the many gifts of your Spirit.  
 Some serve you in chaste marriage;  
 others forego marriage for the sake of your kingdom.  
 Sharing all things in common,  
 with one heart and mind in the bond of love,  
 they become a sign of the communion of heaven.

Father, we pray now,  
send your Spirit upon these servants of yours  
who have committed themselves  
with steadfast faith  
to the words of Christ your Son.  
Strengthen their understanding  
and direct their lives by the teaching of the Gospel.  
May the law of love rule in their hearts,  
and concern for others distinguish their lives,  
so that they may bear witness to you, the one true God,  
and to your infinite love for all mankind.  
By their courage in daily trials  
may they receive, even in this life,  
your promised hundredfold,  
and at the end an everlasting reward in heaven.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord."

R. Amen.

#### **PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA**

*(The celebrant may present an insignia of incorporation at a suitable time. This feature is optional.)*

#### **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*(The Sign of Peace may be given here, or after the Solemn Blessing. If it is given, it is omitted at its normal place before Communion in the Mass.)*