

*Before the Mass, Mother Cecilia gives each Novice a candle, saying:*

Accipe lumen in mánibus tuis, ut  
veniénti Sponso cum accénsa lám-  
pade occúrens ad cæléstes núptias  
admittáris.

Take this light into your hands, so  
that as you hasten with your  
burning lamp to meet the Bride-  
groom, you may be admitted to  
the heavenly wedding feast.

### *The Blessing of the Abbess*

*After the Gradual Mother Cecilia enters the sanctuary, ascends to the upper step of the altar and kneels. Mother Cecilia reads the formula of the oath of fidelity.*

Ego Soror Cæcília, monastérii  
abbátiae Nostræ Dóminæ Ephési,  
ordinánda Abbatissa promitto  
coram Deo, et Sanctis ejus, et hac  
solémni sorórum congregatióne,  
fidelitátem, dignámque subjec-  
tiónem, obediéntiam, et rever-  
éntiam, matri meæ Ecclésiæ  
Kansanopolitánæ Sancti Joséphi,  
tibi que Jacóbo, Dómino meo,  
ejúsdem Ecclésiæ Epíscopo, et  
successóribus tuis, secúndum  
sacrórum Cánonum institúta, et  
prout præcipit inviolábilis au-  
ctóritas Pontíficum Romanórum.

I, Sister Cecilia, of the monastery  
of the Abbey of Our Lady of  
Ephesus, to be ordained Abbess,  
promise before God, and his  
Saints, and this solemn con-  
gregation of sisters, fidelity, and  
due submission, obedience, and  
reverence, to my mother the  
Church of Kansas City and Saint  
Joseph, and to thee, James, my  
Lord and Bishop of the same  
Church, and to thy successors,  
according to the institutes of the  
sacred Canons, and as com-  
mands the inviolable au-  
thority of the Roman Pontiffs.

*Having read the formula, and placing both hands on the Gospels, she kisses the text, and says:*

Sic me Deus ádjuvet, et hæc sancta  
Dei Evangélia.

So help me God and these holy  
Gospels of God.

### *The Litanies*

*Mother Cecilia genuflects, and then, going down to the Gospel side, prostrates, and the litany of saints is chanted.*

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
God the Father of heaven, *have  
mercy on us.*  
God the Son, redeemer of the  
world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on  
us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy  
on us.*  
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Holy Mother of God,  
Saint Michael,  
Saint Gabriel,

Saint Raphael,  
All ye holy Angels and  
Archangels,  
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,  
Saint John the Baptist,  
Saint Joseph,  
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,  
Saint Peter,  
Saint Paul,  
Saint Andrew,  
Saint James,  
Saint John,  
Saint Thomas,  
Saint James,  
Saint Philip,  
Saint Bartholomew,  
Saint Matthew,  
Saint Simon,  
Saint Thaddeus,  
Saint Matthias,  
Saint Barnabas,  
Saint Luke,  
Saint Mark,  
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,  
All ye holy Disciples of God,  
All ye holy Innocents,  
Saint Stephan,  
Saint Laurence,  
Saint Vincent,  
Saints Fabian and Sebastian,  
Saints John and Paul,  
Saints Cosmas and Damian,  
Saints Gervase and Protase,  
All ye holy Martyrs,  
Saint Sylvester,  
Saint Gregory,  
Saint Ambrose,  
Saint Augustine,  
Saint Jerome,  
Saint Martin,  
Saint Nicolas,  
All ye holy Bishops and Con-  
fessors,  
All ye holy Doctors,

Saint Anthony,  
Holy Father Saint Benedict,  
Saint Bernard,  
Saint Dominic,  
Saint Francis,  
All ye holy Priests and Levites,  
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
Saint Mary Magdalene,  
Saint Agatha,  
Saint Lucy,  
Saint Agnes,  
Saint Cecilia,  
Saint Catharine,  
Saint Anastasia,  
Saint Scholastica,  
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,  
All ye Saints of God, *pray for us.*  
Be merciful, *spare us, O Lord.*  
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O*  
*Lord.*  
From all evil, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
From all sin,  
From thy wrath,  
From a sudden and unforeseen  
death,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From wrath and hatred and all  
evil will,  
From the spirit of fornication,  
From lightning and storm,  
From the scourge of earthquake,  
From pestilence, famine and war,  
From eternal death,  
Through mystery of thy holy  
incarnation, *deliver us, O Lord.*  
Through thine advent,  
Through thy nativity,  
Through thy baptism and holy  
fast,  
Through thy cross and passion,  
Through thy death and burial,  
Through thy holy resurrection,  
Through thy wonderful ascension,  
Through the coming of the Holy

Ghost, the Paraclete,  
 On the day of judgment, *deliver us,*  
*O Lord.*  
 Sinners, *we beseech thee, hear us.*  
 That thou wouldst spare us,  
 That thou wouldst pardon us,  
 That thou wouldst deign to lead  
 us to true repentance,  
 That thou wouldst deign to rule  
 and preserve thy holy Church,  
 That thou wouldst deign to  
 preserve the Pope and all the  
 ecclesiastical orders in holy  
 religion,  
 That thou wouldst deign to  
 humble the enemies of Holy  
 Church,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give  
 peace and true concord to  
 Christian kings and princes,  
 That thou wouldst deign to grant  
 peace and unity to all Christian  
 people,  
 That thou wouldst deign to  
 strengthen and preserve us in thy  
 holy service,  
 That thou wouldst deign to raise  
 our minds to heavenly desires,  
 That thou wouldst deign to give  
 all our benefactors everlasting  
 good things,  
 That thou wouldst deign to

deliver our souls, and the souls of  
 our brethren, neighbors, and  
 benefactors from eternal  
 damnation,

That thou wouldst deign to give  
 and preserve the fruits of the  
 earth,

That thou wouldst deign to give  
 eternal rest to all the faithful  
 departed,

*(The Bishop now blesses Mother)*

Deign to bless ✠ this chosen one  
 here present.

Deign to bless ✠ and to sanctify ✠  
 this chosen one here present.

That thou wouldst deign to  
 graciously hear us,

Son of God, *we beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the  
 sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the  
 sins of the world, *graciously hear*  
*us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the  
 sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

*After the litany is concluded, the bishop sings the Our Father with the versicles that follow.*

Pater noster...

V. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

R. Sed líbera nos a malo.

V. Salvam fac ancíllam tuam, Dómine.

R. Deus meus, sperántem in te.

V. Mitte ei, Dómine, auxílium de san-  
cto.

R. Et de Sion tuére eam.

Our Father...

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. O Lord, save thy handmaiden.

R. My God, who hopes in thee.

V. Send to her, O Lord, help from thy  
sanctuary.

R. And protect her from Sion.

V. Hæc accípiet benedictiónem a Dómino.

R. Et misericórdiam a Deo salutári suo.

V. Memor esto congregatiónis tuæ.

R. Quam possedísti ab iníitio.

V. Dóminus custódiat intróitum tuum, et éxitum tuum.

R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sáeculum.

V. Dóminus custódiat te ab omni malo.

R. Custódiat ánimam tuam Dóminus.

V. Dómine Deus virtútum convérte nos.

R. Et osténde fáciem tuam et salvi érimus.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

V. She will receive blessing from the Lord.

R. And mercy from God her Savior.

V. Remember thy people.

R. Whom thou hast possessed from the beginning.

V. May the Lord guard thy entrance and thy exit.

R. Now and forever.

V. May the Lord guard thee from all evil.

R. May the Lord guard thy soul.

V. O Lord God of hosts, convert us.

R. And show thy countenance and we shall be saved.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*Then the bishop sings the following solemn prayers:*

Orémus. Concéde quæsumus omnípotens Deus, afféctui nostro tuæ miseratiónis efféctum: et hanc fámulam tuam, quam ad régimen animárum elígimus, grátiae tuæ dono proséquere: ut, te largiénte, cum ipsa tibi nostra electióne placéamus. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, the effect of thy mercy to our love: and bless with the gift of thy grace this thy servant, whom we have chosen for the governing of souls: so that, at thy granting, we may please thee with this our choice. Through Christ our Lord.

Orémus. Cunctórum bonórum institútór Deus, qui per Móysen fámulum tuum, ad gubernándas Ecclésias præpósitos instituísti, tibi súpplices fúndimus preces, teque devótis méntibus exorámus; ut hanc fámulam tuam, quam commúnis eléctio famulárum tuárum Abbatíssam óvium tuárum esse constitúit, protectiόnis tuæ grátia muníre dignéris; sicque régere súbditas, commendátasque oves concédas, ut cum illis ómnibus

Let us pray. O God, author of all good, who, through thy servant Moses didst designate heads to govern thy Churches, humbly we pour forth prayers to thee, and implore thee with devout minds, that thou wouldst deign to fortify with the grace of thy protection this thy servant, whom the common choice of thy servants has designated to be the Abbess of thy sheep, and grant that she may so rule the sheep submitted and entrusted to her, so that with

regna cælórum adipiscátur; quá-  
tenus te, Dómine, opitulánte,  
apostólicis júgiter fulta doctrínis,  
centésimo cum fructu læta intróeat  
portas paradísi, atque a te, Dómine,  
collaudánte audíre mereátur: Euge,  
serve bone et fidélis, quia in pauca  
fuísti fidélis, super multa te  
constítuam, intra in gáudium Dó-  
mini tui. Quod ipse præstáre  
dignéris, qui vivis et regnas Deus:

them all she may attain to the  
kingdoms of heaven, so that through  
thy help, O Lord, and with the  
continual support of the apostolic  
teachings, she may enter the gates of  
paradise joyful with fruit a  
hundredfold, and she may merit to  
hear thy praise, O Lord: Well done,  
good and faithful servant: because  
thou hast been faithful in little  
things, I will appoint thee over  
many; enter into the joy of thy Lord.  
Which thou thyself do deign to  
grant, who livest and reignest God:

*Mother Cecilia rises and proceeds to the middle before the altar and kneels.  
The bishop sings the preface:*

Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.  
R. Amen.  
V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.  
V. Sursum corda.  
R. Habémus ad Dóminum.  
V. Grátias agámus Dómino Deo nostro.  
R. Dignum et justum est.

World without end.  
R. Amen.  
V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
V. Lift up your hearts.  
R. We have lifted them up to the Lord.  
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. It is meet and just.

V. Vere dignum et justum est,  
æquum et salutáre, nos tibi sem-  
per, et ubíque grátias ágere: Dó-  
mine, sancte Pater, omnípotens æ-  
térne Deus, affluéntem spírítum  
tuæ beneꝫdictiónis super hanc fá-  
mulam tuam, nobis orántibus,  
propítius infúnde.

V. Truly it is meet and just, right  
and salutary, for us always and  
everywhere to give thee thanks:  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty et-  
ternal God: we beseech thee, mer-  
cifully pour forth the abundant  
spirit of thy blessing upon this  
thy servant.

*The bishop joins his hands and places them upon the head of Mother Cecilia;  
thus he proceeds:*

Ut quæ per nostræ manus  
impositiónem hódie Abbatíssa  
constitúitur, sanctifiꝫcacióné tua  
digna, a te elécta permáneat; et nu-  
mqum póstmodum a tua grátia  
separétur indígna.

So that she who through the  
imposition of our hands today is  
constituted Abbess, may remain  
chosen by thee, worthy by thy  
sanctification; and never here-  
after may she unworthy be  
separated from thy grace.

*Then the bishop removes his hands and continues the chant of the preface until the end.*

Suscípiat, te, Dómine, largiēte, hódie in bono ópere perseverántiam, in advérsis constántiam, in tribulatió nibus tolerántiam, in jejúniis desidérium, in impietátibus misericórdiam, in humilitáte principátum, in supérbia ódium, in fide dilecti ónem, in doctrína pervigilántiam, in castitáte continéntiam, in luxúria abstinéntiam, in varietátibus moderati ónem, in móribus doctrínam. Te auxiliánte, Dómine, talis in hoc ministério perseverét, qualis Levíta eléctus ab Apóstolis sanctus Stéphanus mérui t perduráre. Totam ab hac die mundánam conversati ónem despiciat; tua Dómine benedicti óne largiēte, contémpnat præséntia, díligat caelé stia, desidéret sempitérna. Sit exémp lum et forma justítiae, ad gubernándam re gendámque Ecclésiám tuam fidéliter; ut speculátrix idónea inter suas collégas semper efficiátur. Sit magni consilii, indústria censúræ, et effi cácia disciplínæ. Ita, te Dómine tribu énte, in ómnibus mandátis tuis sine re pre hensi óne tibi mundo corde sérvians, ut ad bravíum supérnae vocati ónis, multiplicáto fénore, cum centésimo fructu coronáque justítiae, ad caelé stium thesaurórum dona tua pervéniat.

May she receive this day, at thy granting, O Lord, perseverance in good work, constancy in adversities, endurance in tribulations, desire for fasting, mercy for the impious, the first rank in humility, hatred of pride, love in faith, constant vigilance in doctrine, continence in chastity, abstinence from luxury, moderation in vicissitudes, and learning in morals. With thy help, O Lord, may she persevere thus in this ministry, as St. Stephen, chosen deacon by the Apostles, did merit to endure. From this day, may she despise all worldly conversation: thee, O Lord, granting thy blessing, may she despise temporal things, may she love things heavenly, and desire things eternal. May she be an example and ideal of justice, to govern and rule thy Church faithfully, so that amid her colleagues, she may always show necessary vigilance. May she be of great counsel, diligent in judgment, and effective in discipline. Thus, at thy granting, O Lord, may she, keeping a pure heart for thee in all thy commands, so attain to the prize of the heavenly vocation, to thy gifts of heavenly treasures, with the multiplied talents, with the hundredfold fruit and the crown of justice.

*He says the following in a lowered voice:*

Præstánte Dómino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum Patre, et Spíritu sancto vivit et regnat in sácula sæculórum.  
R. Amen.

Through the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, world without end.  
R. Amen.

*The bishop sings the four following prayers, with which the blessing of the abbess concludes.*

Orémus. Deus, cui omnis potéstas, et dígnitas famulátur, da huic

Let us pray. O God, whom every power and dignity serves, grant to

fámulæ tuæ prósp̄erum suæ dignitátis efféctum, in qua semper te tímeat, tibíque júgiter placére conténdat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Orémus. Omnium, Dómine, fons bonórum, justorúmque provéc-tuum munerátor, tríbue quæsumus huic fámulæ tuæ adéptam bene gérere dignitátem, et a te sibi præstitam bonis opéribus comprobáre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Orémus. Concéde, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus, fámulæ tuæ, ut ostendéndo, et exercéndo quæ recta sunt, per extrémum bonórum óperum ánimas suárum ínstruat subjectárum: et ætérnæ remuneratiónis mercédem a te piíssimo Pastóre percípiat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Orémus. Dómine Deus omnípotens, qui sorórem Móysi Maríam, præeúntem cum céteris muliéribus, inter æquóreas undas cum týmpanis et choris, lætam ad littus maris veníre fecísti, te súpplices deprecámur, pro hac fidéli fámula tua, quæ hódie super univérsas sibi súbditas Abbatíssa constitúitur; ut ita monástica norma tueátur cunctas fámulas tuas sibi commíssas, quátenus ad ætérnam glóriam, te auxiliánte, cum ómnibus illis intróeat læta, ibíque exsúltans cum Angelis, canens cántica nova sequátur Agnum quocúmque íerit, Jesum Christum Dóminum nostrum: qui

this thy servant a favorable result from her dignity, in which may she always fear thee, and continually strive to please thee. Through Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. O Lord, fount of all goodness, and rewarder of the progress of just: grant, we beseech thee, that this thy servant may exercise well the dignity she has received, and to show by good works that she was responsible for what she received from thee. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God, to thy servant, that by showing and doing what is right, she may instruct the souls of her subjects through the example of good works: and that she may receive the recompense of an eternal reward from thee, the most loving Shepherd. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray. O Lord almighty God, who didst make Mary, the sister of Moses, to come joyful to the shore of sea, leading the other women amid the waves with tambourines and dancing, humbly we beseech thee for this thy faithful servant, who today is constituted Abbess over all those subject to her; so that she may so keep all thy servants entrusted to her by the monastic rule, that by thy help, she may enter joyful with them all into eternal glory, and there rejoicing with the Angels, singing new canticles, she may follow the Lamb wherever he goes, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee

tecum vivit et regnat in unitate  
Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia  
sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

liveth and reigneth in the unity of  
the Holy Ghost, God, world  
without end. R. Amen.

*The bishop now hands the Holy Rule to the abbess, saying:*

Accipe régulam a sanctis Pátribus  
tráditam, ad regéndum, custo-  
diendúmque gregem tibi a Deo  
commíssum, quantum Deus ipse te  
confortáverit, et fragílitas humana  
permíserit. Accipe gregis Domínici  
matérnam providéntiam, et ani-  
márum procuratiónem; et per divíne  
legis incedéndo præcépta, sis ei dux ad  
cæléstis hæreditátis páscua, adjuvánte  
Dómino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum  
Patre, et Spíritu Sancto vivit et regnat  
Deus in sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

Receive the rule handed down by the  
holy Fathers, to rule and guard the  
flock entrusted to thee by God,  
insofar as God himself strengthens  
thee and human weakness allows  
thee. Receive maternal vigilance and  
care for the souls of the Lord's flock;  
and proceeding by the commands of  
the divine law, mayest thou be for it  
a leader unto the pastures of the  
heavenly inheritance, by the help of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the  
Father... R. Amen.

*The bishop now puts the abbatial ring on the right hand of the abbess, in silence. After which the abbess rises, genuflects and goes to her place in the sanctuary. The bishop continues the Mass.*

### **First Profession of Vows**

*After the sermon, the bishop goes to the faldstool in front of the altar, and calls the professuræ forward by intoning the following antiphon which is finished by the choir:*

Veníte \* filíæ, audíte me: timórem  
Dómini docébo vos.

Come, daughters, hear me, and I will  
teach you the fear of the Lord.

*They enter the sanctuary and kneel. The bishop then asks:*

Filíæ, quæ relícto sæculo convérsæ  
estis ad Deum, quid pétitis?

My daughters, you have left the  
world and turned to God. What then  
do you ask?

R. Misericórdiam Dei et societátem  
sorórum in monastério sub iugo  
Christi militántium.

R. The mercy of God and the com-  
pany of the Sisters serving in the  
monastery under the yoke of Christ.

*The bishop replies:*

Societátem et consórtium elec-  
tórum suórum concédát vobis  
omnípotens Deus. R. Amen.

May Almighty God grant you a  
share in the company of His elect.  
R. Amen.

*The bishop stands to intone the Veni Creator. All kneel for the first verse only. The professuræ remain kneeling throughout.*



Veni Creátor Spíritus,  
Mentes tuórum vísita,  
Imple supérna grátia,  
Quæ tu creásti péctora.

Qui Paráclitus díceris,  
Donum Dei altíssimi,  
Fons vivus, ignis, cáritas,  
Et spiritális únctio.

Tu septifórmis múnere,  
Dextræ Dei tu dígitus,  
Tu rite promíssum Patris,  
Sermóne ditans gúttura.

Accénde lumen sénsibus,  
Infúnde amórem córdibus,  
Infírma nostri córporis  
Virtúte firmans pérpeti.

Hostem repéllas lóngius,  
Pacémque dones prótinus:  
Ductóre sic te prævio  
Vitémus omne nóxium.

Per te sciámus da Patrem,  
Noscámus atque Fílium,  
Te utriúsque Spíritum  
Credámus omni témpore.

Glória Patri Dómino,  
Natóque, qui a mórtuis  
Surréxit, ac Paráclito,  
In sæculórum saécula. Amen

Come, Creator Spirit, visit the  
souls of thine own, and fill with  
heavenly grace, the hearts which  
thou hast made.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
the gift of God most High, the  
living fountain, fire, love, and  
spiritual unction.

Thou art sevenfold in thy gifts,  
the finger of the Father's right  
hand, the Father's true promise,  
endowing tongues with speech.

Enkindle thy light within our  
minds, infuse thy love into our  
hearts, strengthen the weakness  
of our flesh by thy eternal power.

Drive far away our enemy, and  
forthwith grant us peace, so that  
with such a guide as thee, we  
may avoid everything harmful.

Grant that through thee we may  
know the Father; through thee,  
the Son; and may we ever believe  
in thee, the Spirit of them both.

Glory be to God the Father, and  
to the Son who hath risen from  
the dead, and likewise to the  
Paraclete, forever and ever. Amen

*After which the bishop says:*

V. Emítte Spíritum tuum et  
creabúntur.

R. Et renovábis fáciem terræ.

Orémus. Deus qui corda fidélium  
Sancti Spíritus illustratióne do-  
cuísti, da nobis in eódem Spíritu  
recta sápere, et de ejus semper

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

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

Let us pray. O God who didst  
instruct the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be

consolatióne gaudére. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

truly wise and ever to rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The bishop again sits, and admonishes the professuræ:*

Atténte consideráre debétis, filíæ dilectíssimæ, quali obligatióne vosmetípsos ultro sitis obstrictúræ, qui quidque vobis servándum proponátis. Legem, sub qua militáre de cétero desiderátis, non solum lectiÓne, sed étiam íntegri anni usu et consuetúdine satis cognovístis. Notum ígitur vobis est, quo pactum ingressúræ sitis in Órdinem. Háctenus liberæ estis, licétque vobis pro arbítrio retráhere collum ex Régulæ iugo, et remeáre ad sáeculum. Quod sit placet, salubérrima Sancti Patris Benedícti præcépta observáre, et in sancto propósito perserváre, accédite; sin minus, líbere discédite.

(Pause)

Vultis ígitur in sancto propósito perserváre?

R. Vólo.

Deus auxiliétur vobis.

R. Amen.

Dearly beloved daughters, you must attentively consider the obligations to which you are about to bind yourself and which you are resolved to to keep. You have already sufficiently learned the rule under which you wish to serve, not only by reading, but by a whole year of practice and experience as a novice. You are therefore aware under which conditions you are about to be received into the Order. Up to now you have been free and may still freely withdraw your neck from under the yoke of the Rule, and re-enter the world. If then, you are ready and willing to observe the salutary teachings of Holy Father Benedict, and are resolved to persevere in your resolution, you may now come forward; if not, you may still freely depart. (Pause)

Do you then desire to persevere in your holy resolution?

R. I do.

May God himself help you.

R. Amen.

*Each Novice in turn stands before the bishop, and reads her chart of profession.*

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. I, Sister N., born in (city, state), baptized (baptismal name) in the (diocese or archdiocese) of (place), in your hands, Reverend Mother Abbess Cecilia Snell, of this monastery of Our Lady of Ephesus, vow to God for three years stability, the continual conversion of my life, and obedience, according to the Rule of Saint Benedict, and the Constitutions of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, in the presence of God, the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles, and of these same holy Apostles, of Saint Joseph, of the same Holy Father Saint Benedict, Saint Scholastica, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, and of all the angels and saints, whose relics are in this church, and in the presence of (Most) Rev. (name and title), Reverend Fathers and of my Reverend Sisters here present: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In witness whereof I have written this with my own hand in this venerable place,

the Abbey of our Lady of Ephesus, in the year after the Incarnation of Our Lord 2018 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the September.

*The chart is then signed on the Gospel side of the altar, and marked with a cross and kissed. The newly professed shows the signed document to the bishop and then to Mother Abbess, who receives into her own the hands of the newly professed kneeling before her, and while giving her the pax, says:*

V. Deus confirmet propositionem tuam.

V. May God confirm your resolution.

R. Ora pro me, Reverendissima Mater.

R. Pray for me, Reverend Mother.

*The charts are placed under the altar cloth for the remainder of the Mass. With arms extended and their eyes raised to God, they sing the following antiphon three times:*

Súscipe me, Dómine, secúndum elóquium tuum, et vivam. Et non confúndas me ab expectatióne mea. Glória Patri....

Receive me according to thy word, and do not thou fail me in my hope. Glory be to the Father...

*The bishop stands and blesses the black veils, saying:*

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Caput ómnium fidélium Deus, et totíus córporis Salvátor; hoc operiméntum veláminis, quod fámulæ tuæ, propter tuum tuæque beatíssimæ Genetrícis semper Vírginis Maríæ amórem, suo cápiti impositúræ sunt, tua délixtera béneꝛdic: et hoc, quod per illud mýstice datur intélligi, tua semper custódia córpore et ánimo incontamináto custódiant ut quando ad perpétuam Sanctórum remuneratióne[m] vénerint, cum prudéntibus et ipsa Virgínibus præparáta, te perducánte, ad perpétuæ felicitátis núprias intráre mereántur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

O God, Head of all the faithful and Savior of the entire Body, bless with thy right hand these veils, with which thy handmaids, for love of thee and thy most blessed Mother, the ever Virgin Mary, are about to be clothed: and by thy constant aid, may they ever preserve with unstained body and soul what is mystically signified thereby: that when they come to the eternal reward of the Saints, they might merit to enter the nuptials of perpetual bliss prepared for them with the prudent Virgins. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The bishop sits, and sprinkles the black veils with holy water. Then he says to each Sister:*

Accipe velum sacrátum, quod próferas sine mácula ante tribúnal Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, cui fléctitur omne genu cæléstium,

Accept this holy veil, which thou should bring without stain before the tribunal of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom every knee

terréstrium et inferórum in sæcula  
sæculórum. R. Amen.

forever bends, in heaven, on  
earth, and under the earth, for-  
ever and ever. R. Amen.

*The Sister kisses the veil upon receiving it, and Mother Abbess places it upon each one.  
The bishop rises, and stands facing the professed who are still kneeling. He joins his  
hands at his breast and says:*

V. Salvas fac ancillas tuas, Dómine.  
R. Deus meus, sperántes in te.  
V. Esto eis Dómine turre for-  
titúdinis.  
R. A fácie inimíci.  
V. Nihil proficiat inimícus in eis.  
  
R. Et filius iniquitátis non appónat  
nocére eis.  
V. Mitte eis, Dómine, auxiliúm de  
Sancto.  
R. Et de Sion tuére eas.  
V. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem me-  
am.  
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.  
V. Dóminus vobíscum.  
R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

V. O Lord, save thy handmaidens.  
R. My God, hoping in thee.  
V. Be to them, O Lord, a tower of  
strength.  
R. In the face of the enemy.  
V. May the enemy accomplish nothing  
in them.  
R. And may the son of iniquity not  
attempt to harm them.  
V. Send them, O Lord, help from  
thy sanctuary.  
R. And from Sion look upon them.  
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
  
R. And let my cry come unto thee.  
V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.

Deus, qui beatíssimum Bene-  
díctum, eléctum fámulum tuum,  
abstráctum a mundi turbínibus,  
tibi soli militáre jussisti: tríbue,  
quæsumus, his fámulis sub  
ejúsdem magistério ad tuum ser-  
vitium festinántibus perseveránde  
constántiam et perféctam usque in  
finem victóriam. Per Christum  
Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

O God Who bade the most blessed  
Benedict, thy chosen servant, to  
serve thee alone, detached from  
the turmoil of the world: grant we  
pray, to these, thy handmaids,  
hastening to thy service under his  
direction, constancy in persev-  
erance and perfect victory unto the  
end. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*After the newly professed Sisters have presented their candles to the bishop, they return  
to the choir of the nuns. Mother Abbess, now approaches and offers two candles to the  
bishop; these are then placed on the altar, and burn until after the communion.*

### **Investiture in the habit of St. Benedict**

*After the Postcommunion, Father Abbot sits while the postulants enter the  
sanctuary accompanied by Mother Abbess and her assistant; all genuflect when they  
arrive, and the postulants kneel. Father Abbot says:*

V. Quid pétitis?

| V. What do you ask?

R. Misericórdiam Dei et hábitum  
sanctæ conversatiónis.  
V. Dóminus det vobis fidelitatem et  
perserverántiam.

R. The mercy of God and the  
habit of holy conversion.  
V. May God grant you fidelity  
and perseverance.

*Father Abbot rises, and says:*

Orémus. Deus qui nos a sǎculi  
vanitatē convérsos bravium  
supérnæ vocatiónis accéndis, et  
qui renuntiántibus sǎculo mansi-  
ónes paras in cælo: famulárum  
tuárum corda cælestibus bonis  
accénde, ut fratérna teneántur com-  
págine caritátis; unánimes reg-  
ulária institúta custódiant; só-  
bria, simplices et quiétæ, gratis  
sibi datam suæ conversiúnis grá-  
tiam fuisse cognóscant. Per  
Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, Who, after having  
snatched us from the vanity of the  
world, thou inflamest us to win the  
crown to which we have been called  
on from high, and who preparest  
mansions in heaven for those who  
renounce the world, enkindle in the  
hearts of thy handmaids with the  
goods of heaven that they may hold  
fast to the fraternal bond of charity,  
that they may observe with one mind  
the rules of the institute; and that mortified,  
simple and tranquil they may know well the  
grace of their vocation, which has been  
so graciously given them. Through Christ our  
Lord. R. Amen.

Orémus, fratres caríssimi,  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Chris-  
tum pro his famulábus suis, quæ  
ad deponéndam comam cápitis sui  
pro amóre ejus festínant; ut donet  
eis Spíritum Sanctum suum, qui in  
sancto religiúnis propósito eas  
consérvet, et a mundi im-  
pediméntis, sæcularibúsq; de-  
sidériis corda eárum deféndat, ut  
sicut immutándæ sunt in vultu, sic  
déktera Excélsi intérius operánte  
mutátæ sentiántur in mente,  
quátenus ab omni cæcitatē spiri-  
tuáli liberátæ, ætérnæ grátia  
lúmíne perfundántur. Qui vivit et  
regnat cum Deo Patre in unitate  
Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia  
sǎcula sæculórum.  
R. Amen.

Let us pray, brethren, to Our Lord  
Jesus Christ for these his hand-  
maids who hasten to prove their  
love for him by the sacrifice of  
their hair, that he may grant them  
his holy Spirit, who will preserve  
them in holy resolution of  
religion, protect their hearts from  
the hindrances of the world and  
secular desires, so that, as they  
undergo an exterior trans-  
formation, they may be transformed  
likewise in spirit by the interior  
workings of the right hand of the  
Most High, and that, just as they are  
delivered from all spiritual blindness,  
so may they be completely filled with  
the light of eternal grace. Who liveth  
and reignth with God the Father in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God  
forever and ever. R. Amen.

Præsta, quæsumus omnípotens  
Deus, ut hæ famulæ tuæ, quæ  
hódie cápitis sui comam pro amóre

Grant, we beseech Thee Almighty  
God, that these Thy handmaids,

tuo depónunt, vanas páriter  
affectiões éxuant, et in tua di-  
lectiõe perpétuo máneant. Per  
Christum Dóminum nostrum.  
R. Amen.

who today sacrifice the hair of  
their head for love of Thee, may  
likewise lay aside empty at-  
tachments, and abide forever in  
Thy love. Through Christ our  
Lord. R. Amen.

*The postulants kneel at the Abbot's feet, and he cuts their hair. The postulants then  
retire to replace the wedding gown with the tunic. Upon their return Father Abbot  
prays:*

Orémus.  
Adésto, Dómine, supplicántibus  
nostris, ut has fámulas tuas  
bene~~x~~dícere dignáre, quibus in  
tuo sancto nómine hábitum sacræ  
religiõnis impónimus: ut te  
largiẽte, et tibi devótæ consístant,  
et vitam percípere mereántur  
æternam. Per Christum Dóminum  
nostrum. R. Amen

Let us pray.  
Be attentive, O Lord, to our  
supplications and deign to bless  
these thy servants, to whom we  
give, in thy name, the habit of  
religion, so that, by thy grace, they  
may stand firmly in devotion, and  
merit to receive eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*After the prayer, each postulant kneels at Father Abbot's feet and receives each part of the  
habit from him while he says the following prayer. For each, they respond Amen, kiss it,  
and pass it to the Abbess and her assistant to place upon her.*

*For the cincture:*

Præcingat te Dóminus zona ju-  
stítiae et cingulo puritátis, ut ad  
divíni Sponsi thálamum accédere  
mereáris. R. Amen

May the Lord gird you with the  
cincture of justice and purity, so that  
you may merit to enter the bridal  
chamber of the Divine Spouse.  
R. Amen.

*For the scapular:*

Accipe jugum Dómini, et fer onus  
ejus, quod est suáve et leve.  
R. Amen.

Receive the yoke of the Lord, and  
carry its burden, which is sweet  
and light. R. Amen.

*For the wimple:*

Accipe signum Christi in cápite, ut  
uxor eius efficiáris, et, si in eo  
permáneris, in perpétuum co-  
ronéris. R. Amen

Receive the sign of Christ on your  
head that you may be made his  
spouse, and, if you persevere in  
this, that you may be crowned  
forever. R. Amen.

*For the white veil:*

Accipe velum cándidum super  
caput tuum, in signum castitátis et  
obediẽtiæ; sit tibi armatúra sal-

Receive the white veil over your head,  
as a sign of chastity, and obedience,  
may it be for you an armor of  
salvation, so that you may run the

útis, quátenus probatiónis tuæ  
cursum pede inoffénso decúrras.  
R. Amen.

course of your probation with a sure  
step.  
R. Amen.

*For the candle:*

Accipe, Soror caríssima, lumen  
corporále, in signum lúminis in-  
terióris, ad repelléndas omnes té-  
nebras ignorántiæ vel erróris, ut  
lúmine divínæ sapiéntiæ illustráta,  
cum fervóre Sancti Spíritus, Jesu  
Christi Ecclésiæ Sponsi ætérnum  
consórtium mereáris. R. Amen.

Dearest Sister, receive this physical  
light as a sign of interior light, to drive  
away all the shadows of ignorance or  
error, so that adorned with the light  
of divine wisdom, you may be  
worthy to share eternally, with the  
burning love of the Holy Ghost, in the  
company of Jesus Christ, the Spouse  
of the Church. R. Amen.

Jam inde, vocáberis Soror N.

From now on, you will be called  
Sr. N.

*Father Abbot rises, faces the new Novices and says:*

V. Salvas fac ancíllas tuas.

R. Deus meus sperántes in te.

V. Esto eis Dómine turrís for-  
titúdinis.

R. A fácie inimíci.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum Spíritu tuo.

V. Save, O Lord, thy handmaids.

R. Hoping in thee, my God.

V. Be for them, O Lord, a tower of  
strength.

R. In the face of the enemy.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Orémus. Dómine Jesu Christe, dux  
et fortitúdo nostra, te humíliter  
deprecámur, ut has fámulas tuas,  
quas sanctæ compunctiúnis ardóre  
a sáeculi vanitáte et a terrénis aff-  
éctibus separásti, infúsa eas cælitus  
sanctitáte discérnas, et grátiam qua  
in te perseverént infúndas, ut pro-  
tectiúnis tuæ munitæ præsídiis,  
quod te donánte desíderant, te  
roboránte adimpleant, ut con-  
versiúnis suæ executrices efféctæ,  
ad ea quæ perseverántibus pro-  
mítttere dignátus es gaúdia per-  
tíngere mereántur. Quis vivis et  
regnas per ómnia sáecula sæ-  
culórum. R. Amen.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, our  
guide and our strength, we humbly  
beseech thee to set apart these  
handmaids of thine, whom thou hast  
by the fervor of compunction hast  
taken from the vanity of the world  
and from earthly attachments, by the  
outpouring of holiness from heaven;  
we beseech thee to pour upon them  
grace by which they may persevere  
in thee, that, fortified with thy  
protection, they may carry out by thy  
strength what they desire by thy gift;  
that, having been made a pursuer of  
their own conversion, they may  
deserve to reach those joys which  
thou hast deigned to promise to those  
who persevere. Who liveth and  
reigneth for ages and ages. R. Amen.

*Father Abbot blesses the new Novices with holy water, and the Mass continues.*

**The Enthronement and the Final Rites**

*The bishop takes the Abbess' right hand, and leads her to the seat prepared for the enthronement. He makes her sit, and the bishop says in a clear voice without chant:*

Accipe plenam et liberam  
potestatem regendi hoc Mon-  
astérium, et Congregatiónem ejus,  
et ómnia quæ ad illius régimen  
intérius et extérius, spirituáliter et  
temporáliter pertinére noscúntur.

Receive the full and free power of  
ruling this monastery and its  
congregation, and all things that  
are known to pertain to its  
governance, interior and exterior,  
spiritually and temporally.

*The bishop intones the hymn Te Deum, which the choir continues. While the Te Deum is sung, Mother Abbess returns to the choir of nuns, where the professed nuns renew their obedience*

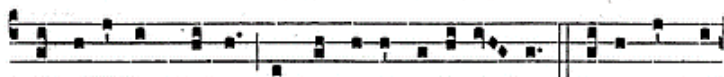


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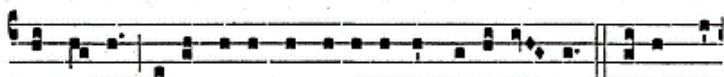
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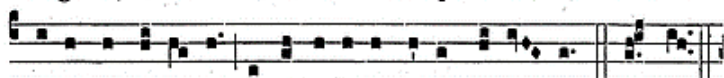
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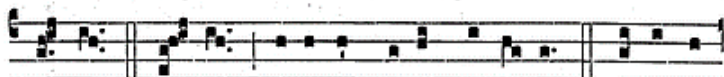
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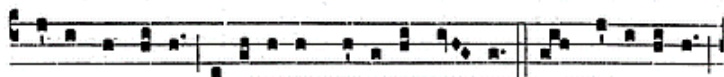
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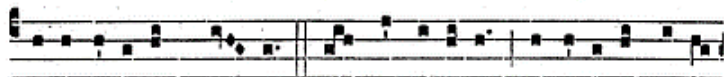
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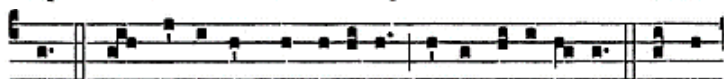
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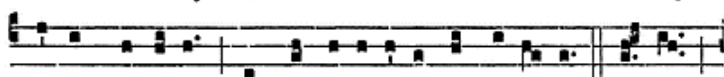
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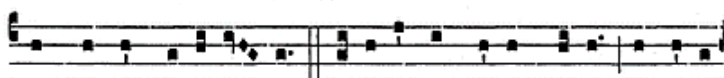
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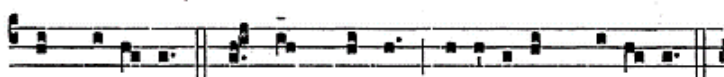
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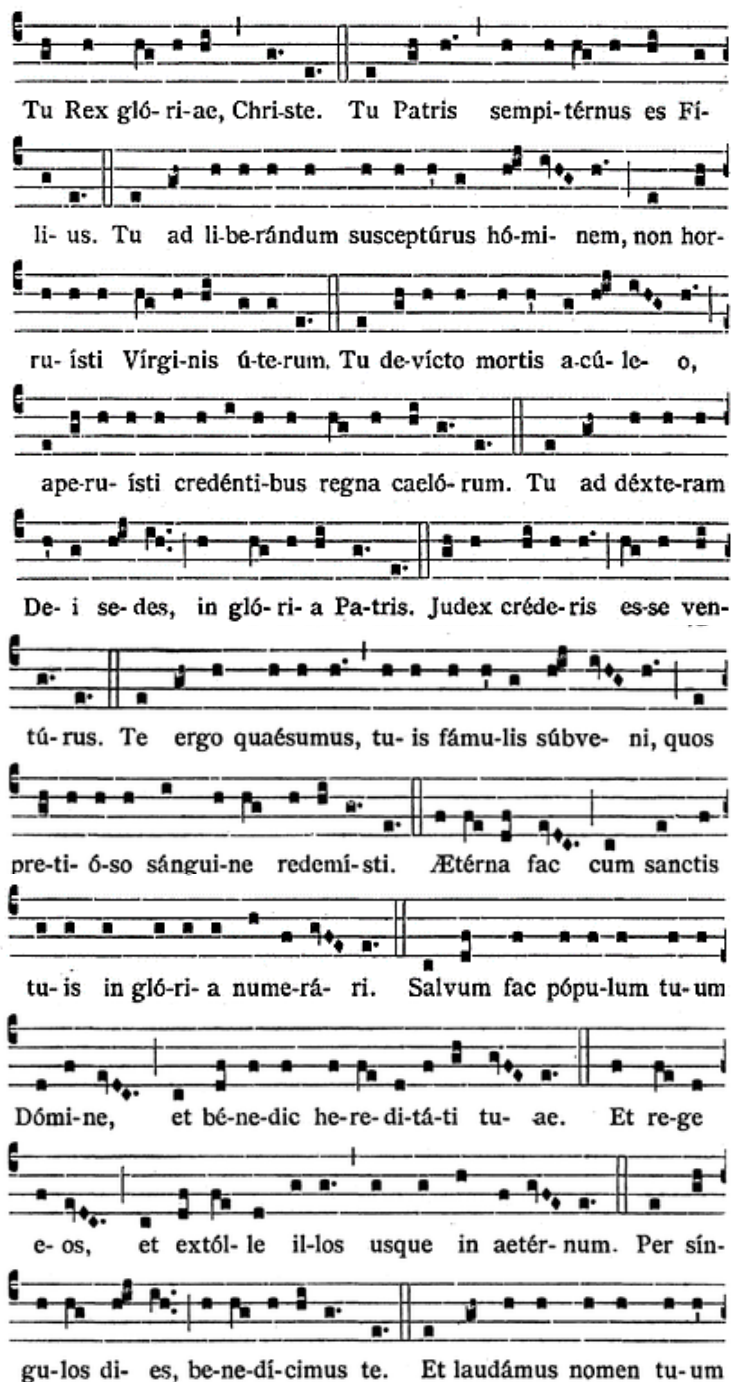
orbem terrá-rum sancta confi-té-tur Ecclé-si- a: Pa-trem



imménsae ma-jestá- tis: Vene-rándum tu-um ve-rum, et úni-



cum Fí- li- um: Sanctum quoque Pa-rácli-tum Spí-ri- tum.



Tu Rex gló-ri-ae, Chri-ste. Tu Patris sempi-térnus es Fi-  
li-us. Tu ad li-be-rándum susceptúrus hó-mi-nem, non hor-  
ru-ísti Vírgi-nis ú-te-rum. Tu de-victo mortis a-cú-le-o,  
ape-ru-ísti credénti-bus regna caeló-rum. Tu ad dexte-ram  
De-i se-des, in gló-ri-a Pa-tris. Iudex créde-ris es-se ven-  
tú-rus. Te ergo quaésumus, tu-is fámu-lis súbve-ni, quos  
pre-ti-ó-so sán-gui-ne redemí-sti. Ætérna fac cum sanctis  
tu-is in gló-ri-a nume-rá-ri. Salvum fac pópu-lum tu-um  
Dómi-ne, et bé-ne-dic he-re-di-tá-ti tu-ae. Et re-ge  
e-os, et extól-le il-los usque in aetér-num. Per sín-  
gu-los di-es, be-ne-dí-cimus te. Et laudá-mus nomen tu-um

in sae-cu- lum, et in sae-cu-lum sae-cu-li. Digna-re Dómi-ne  
 di- e i- sto si-ne peccá-to nos custo-dí- re. Mi-se-ré-re nostri  
 Dó-mi- ne, mi-se-ré-re nostri. Fi- at mi-se-ri-córdi- a tu- a  
 Dómi-ne su- per nos, quemádm- odum spe- rá- vi- mus in te.  
 In te Dó-mi-ne spe- rá- vi : non confúndar in aetér- num.

*The Te Deum concluded, the bishop stands near the communion rail of the choir of nuns and says,*

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

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

V. Salvam fac ancíllam tuam, Dómine.

R. Deus meus, sperántem in te.

V. Esto ei Dómine turris fortitúdinis.

R. A fácie inimíci.

V. Nihil profíciat inimícus in ea.

R. Et fílius iniquitátis non appónat nocére ei.

V. Dómine exaúdi oratiómem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

V. Confirm this, O God, which thou hast worked in us.

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

V. O Lord, save thy handmaiden.

R. My God, hoping in thee.

V. Be to her, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. In the face of the enemy.

V. May the enemy accomplish nothing in her.

R. And may the son of iniquity not attempt to harm her.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Orémus. Fámulam tuam, Dómine, custódia múniat pietátis: ut virginitátis sanctæ propósitum, quod, te inspiránte, suscepit, te protegénte, illæsum custódiat. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray. May the guard of thy loving-kindness, O Lord, fortify thy servant: so that the ideal of holy virginity, which she has accepted by thine inspiration, she may keep intact by thy protection. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The bishop gives his blessing and recites the last Gospel, and all depart in peace.*

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We wish to extend special thanks first to Almighty God for the graces He has conferred upon us this day, through the blessing of our first Abbess, for receiving the vows of our Sisters in Christ, and for the Brides who embark today upon their preparation for vows. Thanks also go to their families and parents, especially those of our Mother Abbess, W. Kinga Zytkowicz Snell and the late Milton Philip Snell, who we know is with us in spirit in remembering the joy of this day. We thank also her family, friends, and many priests who have supported, guided, and prepared her for her vocation to shepherd the flock committed to her care. Special thanks to the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* for their solicitude and support; to our Bishop James Vann Johnston, Jr., JCD, Bishop Robert Morlino, DD, Right Rev. Dom Philip Anderson, OSB, and to the many priests and clerics who have assisted at the Consecration; to our dear brothers of Clear Creek Abbey for carving the coats of arms for the Abbatial choir stall; to Paul Sirba for carving the crosier, to the Mohl family for providing its Madonna and Child; to the Bovi family and Allen Young for the pectoral crosses; to Vincent Buoniello for crafting and gifting the Abbatial ring, to John Lusero for supplying flowers; Saint John the Baptist Parish in NJ for printing the programs; Joan Gosselin, the Stancliffe family and all the families who have kindly assisted in preparations for the ceremony and reception; Daniel Chinn and Conception Abbey for providing live streaming of the event, and to all of our many friends and benefactors, May God reward each of you!