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Receiving the First Promises of a Postulant,

Who desires to enter into the Order of Sister Adorers of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

First.—After the Epistle of the Mass the Superioress and Mistress of Novices conduct the Postulant to the foot of the altar and present her to the Archbishop, who says,

My child, what do you desire ?

Postulant—Your Grace, I desire, with my whole heart, to belong to Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to serve him in the Order of the Most Precious Blood, and to be clothed with the habit of that order. Having had the happiness of dwelling in the Convent for some months, and of studying the spirit and following the holy rules of the Institute, I most ardently desire to continue in the practice of the virtues which are necessary in order to be admitted to make vows as a member of the Institute, and to live and to die in it, through the Grace of God, which I most humbly implore.

The Archbishop.—My child, are you quite resolved to observe all the rules and constitutions of the Sister Adorers of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ ?

Postulant.—Yes, your Grace ; relying on the mercy of God and on the merits of the most precious blood of our Lord, in which I place all my trust, I am firmly resolved to do so.

The Archbishop.—Thanks be to God. Then he prays—The

Lord guard your entrance into the order, and in the end give you eternal life.

Let us Pray, Beloved Sisters and devout faithful in Christ, that what this Sister asks with such fervour, she may happily obtain through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth for ever and for ever.

Archbishop.—The Lord be with you.

People.—And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.—O omnipotent and eternal God, who of Thy infinite goodness, and through the death of Thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, hast deigned mercifully to restore and renew the fallen world, that Thou mightest free us from perpetual death and mightest lead us to the joys of Paradise, look clemently with an eye of Thy piety upon Thy devout servant, and we beseech, that she, ever intent on the adoration of the blood of Jesus Christ, may be secure from all the perturbations of the world, of the flesh, and the devil, and having walked in the way of Thy commands, after the course of her mortal life, may, through the merits of the most bitter passion of Thy only son, and of the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin and Mother Mary, of Saint Catharine of Sienna, of St. Teresa, and of all the saints, possess true and everlasting joys with Him who liveth and reigneth, &c.—*Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE HABIT.

Archbishop.—Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Assistants.—Who made Heaven and earth.

Archbishop.—O Lord hear our prayer.

Assistants.—And let our earnest entreaties come unto thee.

Archbishop.—The Lord be with you.

Assistants.—And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.—O God who hast created the world and all things that are in it, on account of mankind, that they might be grateful for so many benefits, we humbly supplicate Thy clemency to graciously bless these garments with which thy servant wishes to be clothed, as in Thy livery whilst adoring the most precious blood of Thy son, and as it is through Thy merciful inspiration she desires to wear them in the Institute through this life, may she merit to be clothed with the garments of celestial beauty for eternity, through Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE GIRDLE.

(*Our help in the name, etc., as before.*)

Let us Pray.—O Almighty, eternal God, who hast appointed Thy only Son the Redeemer of the human race, and wishest to be appeased by His blood, give us an increase of Thy love, and vouchsafe to pour Thy blessing on this girdle, that whosoever may be outwardly bound with it, may merit to have contrition for their sins, and freed from all stains of the flesh and may come to eternal life. Through Christ, &c.—*Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE SCAPULAR.

(*Our help in the name, etc., as before.*)

Let us Pray.—O eternal Father and omnipotent God, who hast wished Thy only begotten Son to put on the habit of our mortality, and to shed His precious blood for the salvation of the world; we beseech Thy clemency, that Thou mayst deign to bless and to sanctify this vestment, to be as a sign of devotion of the faithful towards the price of our redemption, that whosoever shall be clothed with it may merit

to put on the spirit of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, &c.—*Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE VEIL.

Let us pray.—Humbly we beeech Thee, O Lord, that Thy copious blessing may descend upon this white covering of the head, and let it be blest, stainless, and sanctified for this Thy servant. Through Christ, &c.—*Amen.*

The Archbishop blesses incense and sprinkles with holy water, and incenses the habit, veil, etc. Then kneeling he intones the hymn of the Holy Ghost, which the assistants take up, when finished he says the following prayers :—

Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created.

Assistants.—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 Thy holy spirit, grant us in the same holy spirit to love what is right, and always to rejoice in His holy consolations. Through Christ, &c.

Most graciously hear our supplication, O Lord, and deign to bless this Thy servant, to whom we are about to give, in Thy name, the habit signifying holy purity, that she wearing it with innocence may obtain eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

The Archbishop presents to the postulant the blessed habit, veil, &c., saying :—

May the Lord clothe you with the new creature which is created according to God, in justice and sanctity of truth. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The postulant retires to put on the habit. The Superioress

and other Sisters conducting her. In the meantime the 83rd psalm is sung, "How delightful are Thy tabernacles, O God of virtues, my soul loves and is ravished in Thy courts," "My heart and my flesh exulteth in my living God, &c." When the postulant returns the Archbishop gives her the scapular, saying :—

Receive this habit which should continually remind you of the blood of Jesus Christ, which you profess to honour with a special adoration. Consider yourself as it were impregnated with this most precious blood ; and may the remembrance of the affection which Christ has shown for you in shedding it, inflame you with the fire of this love. Giving her the mantle he says : Daughter of Mary Immaculate, you should imitate the purity of your Mother. The virgins who are to follow the spotless laub, will be clad in white. Receive, my child, this white robe, which is an emblem of the purity of heart which you must ever preserve unspotted, so that at the marriage feast of the lamb you may present yourself arrayed in the wedding garment, and have the happiness of following Him wherever He goeth in his eternal tabernacle. Giving her the taper he says : Receive my child this light as a sign of immortality, so that being dead to the world, you may live for God, arise from the shadows of death and Christ will be your light.

Then the Archbishop intones the following prayers :

Archbishop.—Save Thy servant, O Lord,

Assistants.—O, my God, as she hopes in Thee.

Archbishop.—Let not the enemy triumph over her.

Assistants.—Or the son of iniquity have power to hurt her.

Archbishop.—The Lord be with you.

Assistants.—And with thy spirit,

Let us Pray.—O Lord Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd, who hast given up Thy life for Thy sheep, grant that this redeemed one, clothed with these Sacred Vestments in Thy presence, may live justly and piously, and through Thy mercy come to Thee loaded with the fruits of good works. Grant to her, O Lord, obedience through faith, prosperity in hope, joy in love and peace, in tribulation patience, discretion in her ordinary actions. May she run in this life in the way of justice and happiness, and in the end of her life come to Thee, a merciful Judge and Father, with joy and gladness, to receive the crown of immortal glory, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and Holy Ghost for ever and for ever.—*Amen.*

The Archbishop in giving her a new name says, “Whoever is victorious saith the Lord will receive from me a new name. Behold a new name, my child, which he gives you, reminding you that you are to be victorious, over yourself, the world, sin, and the devil. You will henceforth be called in religion—

Archbishop.—Confirm, O Lord, the work which Thou hast done in us.

Assistants.—From Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Archbishop.—Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Assistants.—That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.—Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we Thy servants may enjoy a perpetual health of mind and body, and by the intercession of the glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, ever may we be delivered from present evils, and in the end possess eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord,—*Amen.*

Archbishop.—The Lord be with you.

Assistants.—And with thy spirit.

Archbishop.—Let us bless the Lord.

Assistants.—Thanks be to God.

The novice retires singing, The kingdom of this world and all its treasures and delights I have contemned, on account of the love of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir.—Whom I have seen, whom I love, in whom I believe, in whom I trust. I have preferred to be the lowest in the house of my God than to dwell in the palaces of sinners. Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Mass is then continued to the end.





