

que susceptis gratias agimus, te piissime deprecantes, ut a cunctis semper muniamus adversis. Per Christum Dominum, etc.

FORMS AND CEREMONIES

At the Taking of the Habit by Brothers and Sisters.

Over and above the small pilaster of Holy Water with the aspersory, there shall be prepared upon the Altar by the Brothers the long habit, of a dark brown color, the girdle of leather, the scapular, the cloak, the crown and the candle; for the Sisters, the leather girdle, the scapular, the white cloak, the crown, the white veil of simple muslin and the candle. Then, the Director, vested in his surplice and white stole, seating himself, shall question the postulant, as follows:

P. What do you desire?

R. The mercy of God and the habit of the Third Order of the most Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel.

Having given a brief discourse upon the holiness and obligations of this state of life, he shall proceed by asking:

P. Can you observe the Rule and the mode of life enjoined in the same?

R. Trusting in the help of God and in the intercession of Mary SS., I hope to observe whatever is therein contained.

After this the Director shall rise to his feet and turning towards the Habits, shall bless them after the following manner:

BENEDICTION OF THE HABIT, CLOAK, AND OF THE SCAPULARS.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

R. Ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui trabeam nostrae mortalitatis induere dignatus es, obsecramus immensam tuae largitatis abundantiam ut hoc genus vestimentorum, quod sancti patres ad humilitatem cordis, contemptum mundi et candorem mentis significandum ferre saucerunt, ita bene * dicere digneris: ut hic famulus tuus qui eo usus fuerit, te Christum induere mereatur. R. Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE LEATHER GIRDLE.

OREMUS.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, pius et misericors, qui peccatoribus pietatis tuae misericordiam quaerentibus, veniam et misericordiam tribuisti; oramus immensam clementiam tuam, ut hanc corrigiam bene * dicere et sancti * ficare digneris: ut quicumque pro peccatis suis cinctus fuerit et misericordiam tuam imploraverit, veniam et indulgentiam tuae sanctae misericordiae consequatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE VEIL.

(For women only.)

OREMUS.

Bene * dic, quaesumus, Omnipotens Deus, velamen istud famulae tuae capiti imponendum: ut in ipsum bene * dictio tuae pietatis descendat: ut sit in ea sanitas, sanctitas, castitas, virtus, victoria, sanctimonia, humilitas, bonitas, mansuetudo, legis plenitudo et obedientia, ac Dei Patris, et Fi * lii et Spiritus Sancti perpetuo auxilio protegatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BEADS.

(It shall be handed to him by the Priests.)

OREMUS.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui discipulos tuos orare docuisti; suscipe,