

of Mary Immaculate I desire to become a victim, to manifest my love for my Saviour, and to obtain the conversion of souls. I desire to ascend to Calvary, to unite my sufferings with those of my divine Redeemer, and to embrace all the sacrifices imposed by the state of perfection to which I aspire. Knowing my unworthiness and my natural inconstancy, I depend not upon myself, but entirely upon Him for whom I have left all. I hope that He will give me the grace to persevere in the holy state to which I believe He has called me.

The Bishop : Since you continue firm in your holy desire, I permit you, my daughter, to pronounce your Religious Vows.

The Blessed Sacrament is then exposed, and the Novice, upon her knees, with clear distinct voice, pronounces those Vows that bind her forever to her Lord, the Vows of *Poverty, Chastity, and of Obedience.*

The Blessed Sacrament being replaced within the Tabernacle, the Bishop blesses the Black Veil, the Silver Cross, and the Ring.

On giving the Veil, he says : Receive, my daughter, this sacred Veil, which expresses your hatred of the world, and your desire of being wholly and entirely united to Jesus-Christ, your Saviour.

The Professed : He puts it as a sign on my forehead that I can admit, henceforth, no other love than His.

The Bishop gives the Cross : Receive, my daughter, the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and wear it upon your breast as a shield, destined to preserve you from the deceits of the enemy of your soul. The holy relics enclosed therein will encourage you in the struggle, by recalling to your mind the combats of the Saints and their triumphs.

The Professed : The Cross will be my strength and my consolation, for, by it, I will be united to my Beloved.

The Bishop places the Ring upon the annular finger of the right hand, and says :

My daughter, receive this ring as a sign of your mystic alliance with the celestial Spouse of Virgins. Wear it always upon your finger, as a pledge of the love that should unite you to Jesus, in Religion, to be fully consummated in Heaven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.