

in saecula saeculorum.

R. Amen.

Having sprinkled him with Holy Water, the Priest shall add:

Et ego, auctoritate qua fungor et mihi concessa, te recipio ad nostram sanctum Religionem et investio ac participem te facio omnium nostri sacri Ordinis. In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Then shall be sung the hymn,
Maria Mater gratiae.

Meanwhile the Novice, having given the candle to the person assisting, shall advance and kiss the Altar, and afterwards the hand of the Father Director, saying to him, "Father, pray to God for me." Then shall he kiss each one of the Brothers, beginning with the eldest and saying, "Brother, pray to God for me." And that which is said here for the Brethern is also intended to apply to the Sisters, among themselves.

FORMS AND CEREMONIES

for the admission of Novices to the Profession

All things needful for the rite shall be made ready as on occasions of Receiving the Habit (see page 69), except that the Brothers will not find it needful to prepare the habit or long garment of brown cloth, since it is proper that they should be clad therein when they present themselves at the Altar.

The Novice (or the Sister) who is to profess, shall write his or her Profession on a sheet of paper, and if either know not how to write, it shall be written for them by another; but each shall, at least, add thereto a cross, made by his or her own hand.

The formula of the Profession runs as follows:

I, N.N., make my Profession and promise obedience and chastity to Almighty God, to the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, to the Most Reverend Father, Head and Prior General of the whole Order of the Most Holy Virgin Mary

of Mount Carmel, and to his successors, according to the Rule of the Third Order, until death.

The Father Director, vested in surplice and stole, shall begin in this manner:

P. What do you desire?

R. I ask for the mercy of God, and to make my Profession in the Third Order of the Most Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel.

Then the Father Director shall make a brief address on the topic of the vows which the Novice is about to make, and shall conclude with this question:

P. Are you disposed to observe the Rule, and in a special way the two virtues concerning which you make promise to God?

R. Trusting in the mercy of God, in the intercession of the Virgin Mary and in the prayers of the Confraternity Brethren (or Sisters), I hope to become worthy of this holy state and to persevere therein unto the end.

Then he who is to make the profession, kneeling before the Director, shall take the paper containing it by its lower portion, leaving the upper part in the hands of the Director; and in a clear, distinct voice shall pronounce the words of profession three times over, in the mode above indicated.

After this, the Father Director shall rise to his feet and say:

Immola Deo sacrificium laudis.

And those present shall answer:

Et redde Altissimo vota tua.

He who has made the profession shall add:

Vota mea Domino reddam in conspectu populi ejus, in atris Domus Domini.

Leaving the paper containing his profession in the hands of the Director, he shall return to his kneeling attitude; meanwhile the Priest shall say:

Deus, qui te incepit in nobis, ipse te perficiat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Then he shall give his blessing to the newly professed, saying: