RITUAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

General notes

- The texts of the Rites are in the singular. Where there are more candidates, it will be the Celebrant's concern to adapt them to the plural.
- In the Perpetual Profession, during the recitation of the Eucharistic Prayer, the remembrance of the Professed is foreseen. For this prayer, please refer to the Missals approved by the local Episcopal Conference in use in your own territory.

INITIATION INTO RELIGIOUS LIFE

- 1. On the day when the canonical Novitiate begins, it is fitting that there should be a special ceremony by which one asks for God's help in achieving the goals proper to the Novitiate.
- 2. The Rite of Initiation should be simple and without any special solemnity. Consequently, it should not be performed *infra Missam* but, more appropriately, in a special celebration of the Word of God in which the nature of religious life and the character of the Institute are presented.

RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE NOVITIATE

After a few words of greeting, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, calls the Candidate to the Novitiate, saying:

Let the Postulant who has asked to be admitted to the Novitiate present herself at the altar.

A roll call follows and the Postulant responds:

Here I am!

The Celebrant:

Beloved sister, having completed the period of probation, you have come before the Lord. What do you desire?

The Postulant:

Desiring to continue my journey towards the total donation of myself to the Lord Jesus, I ask to be received into the Novitiate of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, an Institute aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family. I would like to commit myself, according to my condition as lay woman, to live and witness in the world to Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life according to the Charism of Blessed James Alberione handed down to the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation.

The Celebrant:

Your request is a manifestation of a gift that the Lord has placed in your heart for the good of the Church and of all humanity. Are you aware of the great love the Lord has for you?

The Postulant:

I realize that the Lord exceeds my expectations and, even with my frailties, I want to begin this journey.

The Celebrant:

Since the Lord has placed this sublime desire in your heart, I receive you in the Novitiate of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation. May Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo instill in you a

passion for the Gospel and for humanity of our time. May Jesus Master, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of the Apostles, and of Saint Paul the Apostle, our Father, confirm, strengthen and bring to fulfilment your aspiration.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant consigns the Gospel and the Statute to the Novice, saying:

Receive the Gospel and the Statute of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation. May they be the object of your daily reading and meditation. May they be your guide and light in this time of Novitiate in the following of Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life.

The Novice responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

Let us pray: O God, who sent your Spirit upon the Apostles in prayer with Mary, Mother of Jesus, grant us, through her intercession, to serve you always faithfully and to be able to spread everywhere the glory of your name by our words and our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen!

RITE OF FIRST PROFESSION

During Mass

The nature and value of religious profession is closely linked to baptismal commitments. Called by God, many of the faithful consecrate themselves by the bonds of holy vows to the service of the Lord and the good of their brothers and sisters and commit themselves to follow Christ Jesus more closely.

Convocation

After the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, makes this invitation:

Let the Novice who has asked to be admitted to the First Religious Profession present herself at the altar.

A roll call follows and the Novice responds:

Here I am!

The Celebrant asks the Novice:

Beloved sister, according to your lay condition, you have experienced and shared what it entails to live and bear witness in the world to Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life according to the Charism of Blessed James Alberione handed down to the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family. You have heard the word of God and the ecclesial community gathered here has prayed with you and for you. What do you now ask of God and his holy Church?

The Novice answers:

I ask God, our Father, to grant me the grace to follow Christ, poor, chaste and obedient, in his total self-giving to the Father for the

For our sister N., who renewed her religious vows today, that the Divine Master may make her constant in prayer, charity and apostolic commitment, we pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

When the intentions are over, the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

O God, source of all holiness, listen to the prayers of this family, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, bless and protect this daughter of yours, so that she may faithfully fulfil, with your help, what she has promised through your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

While the Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

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Statute of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family.

To this Institute I offer myself wholeheartedly so that with the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Saint Paul the Apostle, I may attain perfect charity in the service of God and the Church.

The Celebrant:

And I, in the name of the Church, receive the vows made by you in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring to completion your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Rite concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful, introduced by the Celebrant:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us address our prayer to God the Father for his holy Church, for the peace and salvation of the world, and for this sister of ours, who today has renewed her vows in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation.

The Assembly responds:

Hear us, O Lord.

(The intentions suggested here should be included.)

For our sister N., who renewed her religious vows today, that in her life of poverty, chastity and obedience, she may manifest the fruitfulness of the Church, we pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

salvation of humanity, by the witness of my life in the reality of the world.

For this reason, I ask to make the profession of the Evangelical Counsels in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, sharing its spirituality and mission.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains the biblical readings, the gift and the responsibilities of consecration for the sanctification of the one called, for the good of the Church and of the entire human family (particularly with reference to the character and activities of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation).

Examination

After the Homily, the assembly remains seated, the Novice rises and the Celebrant asks her:

Beloved sister, in Baptism you died to sin, you were reborn into the life of daughter of God and you were united to the Holy People of God, which is the Church, Bride and Body of the Lord. Do you now resolve to give yourself exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ by the profession of the Evangelical Counsels?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of God's Grace, to embrace and observe that same life of obedience, chastity and poverty that Christ the Lord chose in order to follow him in the way of evangelical perfection according to the spirit of Saint Paul the Apostle?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you desire, for the greater glory of God, the good of the Church and the salvation of men, to exercise and promote evangelization in the fields specific to you as consecrated laywoman and in the world of Communication according to the spirit of Saint Paul and the Charism handed down to the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation by Blessed James Alberione?

The Novice responds:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant confirms her resolve, saying:

May God, who is a good and merciful Father, bring to completion the work he has begun in you.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

Let us pray. Look, Lord, on this daughter of yours who today, by her religious profession before your Church gathered here, wants to consecrate herself to you following the evangelical counsels. May her life, transformed by the Paschal Mystery, glorify your name and

At the end of the Homily, the Celebrant invites those present to ask for divine help with these words:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us pray to God our Father, who grants perseverance in doing good, for this daughter of his who today before the Church renews her profession of the evangelical counsels.

The Celebrant:

Hear, O Lord, we beseech you, the supplications of your people united in prayer; dispose with heavenly grace the heart of your daughter who is about to consecrate herself to you, so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify her heart from all stain and totally kindle in her the ardor of your charity. Grant that she may continue with generous and constant dedication the journey she has undertaken with so much enthusiasm. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Renewal of Profession

Two professed sisters approach the altar and stay beside the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to serve as qualified witnesses. The one who is to renew her vows approaches the Celebrant and, substituting "one year" with "two years" in case of the two-year period, proclaims the formula of profession with her right hand on the book of the Gospels.

I, ______, for the honor of God, moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself to Him more intimately and to follow Christ the Master more closely, before the brothers and sisters here present and into your hands, Father, make the vow of chastity, poverty, and obedience for one year (two years), according to the

RITE FOR THE RENEWAL OF PROFESSION

During Mass

- 1. The renewal of vows, if deemed opportune, may be done during the Mass.
- 2. The Rite of Renewal of Vows should be performed with the utmost simplicity.
- 3. It is good that the one who is delegated to receive the renewal of vows presides over the Eucharistic celebration.

INITIAL RITES

The Mass begins in the usual manner.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be chosen either from the Mass of the day or from the texts suggested in the Rite of Religious Profession.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

After the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, calls the Candidate by name and she rises and responds:

Here I am.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains both the biblical readings and the specific character and purpose of the consecrated life.

be a sign in the world of "new heavens and new earth". Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Profession

Two members already professed in the Institute approach the altar and stay next to the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to fulfil the function of qualified witnesses. The Novice presents herself before the Celebrant and proclaims the formula of profession, placing her right hand on the book of the Gospels.

I, _______, for the honor of God, moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself more intimately to Him and to follow Christ the Master more closely, before the brothers and sisters here present and into your hands, Father, profess the vow of chastity, poverty, and obedience for one year, according to the Statute of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family.

I offer myself to this Institute with all my heart so that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Virgin Mary and Saint Paul the Apostle, I may attain perfect charity in the service of God and the Church.

The Celebrant receiving the vows responds:

And I, in the name of the Church, receive the vows made by you in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring to perfection your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice. May Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo guide your steps. The Celebrant consigns the Cross and the Letters of Saint Paul to the newly Professed saying:

Receive the Cross with which you were marked in Baptism so that it may be a sign to you of the radical following of Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life. May the Letters of Saint Paul the Apostle, whose boast was the Cross of Christ, be for you the light for the mind and the rule for life.

The newly Professed responds:

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Rite concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.

The Celebrant:

Today the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation is in festivity for the profession of this sister of ours who intends to devote herself with greater commitment to the service of Christ and the Church. United in prayer, let us invoke God our Father so that he may bless her and confirm her in her intent.

The Assembly responds:

Hear us, O Lord.

For the holy Church of God, that enlightened by the virtues of her children, she may always shine before Christ her Bridegroom, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

The Celebrant:

And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit descend upon all of you who have participated in this holy Liturgy.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Celebrant:

Glorify the Lord with your lives. Go in peace

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

CONCLUDING RITES

At the end of the Prayer after Communion, the newly Perpetually Professed goes before the altar and the Celebrant, with his arms extended over her and the people, blesses with the following formula:

The Celebrant:

May God, inspirer of holy intentions, enlighten and strengthen you that you may faithfully keep your promises.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

May He grant you to walk in the joy of Christ the narrow path you have chosen serving your brothers and sisters with dedication.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

The Celebrant:

May the love of God make all of you a true family, gathered in the name of the Lord, a sign and image of the charity of Christ.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

For the Holy Father, Pope ..., the Bishops and the Priests, that faithful to their apostolic ministry, they may nourish the entire People of God with their word and guide them with caring love, we pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For our sister, N., who today has consecrated herself to the service of God in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, that she may grow in the spirituality proper to the Institute and be an ardent apostle in her secular life and in the evangelization activity in which the Lord will call her to work, we pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For the peace and salvation of the world, that all the baptized may be messengers and agents of the peace of Christ, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For all those consecrated to God, that they may always give example of fraternal love and, like the first disciples of Jesus, be of one heart and one soul, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

For all of us gathered here, that through prayer and example we may be light and leaven in the world, let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord.

The Celebrant concludes:

Receive, O Lord, the invocations of your people and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of the Apostles, pour out the Holy Spirit on this your daughter, whom you have called to follow more closely Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life, so that what she promises today with

her first profession, through the intercession of Saint Paul the Apostle and Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, may be confirmed by her whole life. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

While the newly Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration continues in the usual manner.

You entrusted the earth to man so that he might make it fertile with his own labor and through the ways of the world direct his steps to the city of heaven. To your children, whom through Baptism you have gathered into the Church, you distribute a great variety of charisms, so that some may serve you in the sanctity of marriage and others, renouncing marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, may share all their goods with their brothers and sisters and united in charity may become of one heart and offer an image of the heavenly community.

We humbly pray to you, O Father: send your Spirit upon this your daughter, who has adhered in faith to the word of Christ. Strengthen her resolve and let her whole life be inspired by the Gospel. Revitalize in her fraternal love and concern for all people, so that she may become a sign and witness that you are the one true God and that you love all people with infinite love. Grant that she may courageously endure the trials of life and receive from now on the hundredfold promised and then the reward without end. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

world with immense love, he sanctified your Church and made her share in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

And you, O Father, with the mysterious voice of the same Spirit have attracted countless children to follow Christ the Lord and to leave all things behind in order to adhere generously to you in an eternal covenant of love and to devote themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.

Look, O Father, upon this your chosen one; instill in her the Spirit of holiness, that she may fulfil with your help what she has joyfully promised through your gift. May she always contemplate the Divine Master and conform her life to his example.

May her life consecrated to you build up the Church, promote the salvation of the world and appear as a luminous sign of future good things. Be for her, Holy Father, the support and guide, and when she appears before your Son, may you be her true reward, and then she will rejoice that she has been faithful to her consecration. Confirmed in your love, she will sing to you the everlasting praise in the assembly of the saints. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Or

O God, by your gift, holiness flourishes in the Church: praise is due to you from every creature. In the beginning of time you created the universe and man, and it was a "very good thing". And when he was devastated by Adam's sin, you gave him the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

RITE OF PERPETUAL PROFESSION

During Mass

- 1. To celebrate the Rite of Perpetual Profession, preference should be given to Sunday or to a Solemnity of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of Saints to whom the Pauline Family has a particular devotion.
- 2. The Rite of Perpetual Profession is ordinarily held in the chapel of the religious community. If deemed opportune, for pastoral reasons and in order to encourage the edification and participation of the people of God, the Rite may be celebrated in the Cathedral Church or in a Parish Church.

INITIAL RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be chosen either from the Mass of the day or from the texts suggested in the Rite of Religious Profession.

Convocation

After the proclamation of the Gospel, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, convokes the Professed.

Let her who has made the request to make the Perpetual Religious Profession present herself at the altar before the people of God.

A roll call follows and the Candidate responds:

Here I am!

The Celebrant, addressing the Professed, says:

Beloved sister, you have experienced and shared according to your condition as laywoman what it entails to live and witness in the world to Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life according to the Charism of Blessed James Alberione handed on to the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation. You have heard the word of God and the ecclesial community gathered here has prayed with you and for you. What do you now ask of God and his holy Church?

The Professed answers:

I ask to make a lifelong profession of the Evangelical Counsels in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, sharing in its spirituality and apostolate. I ask to consecrate myself to God, while remaining in the world, and to follow Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life in his total donation to the Father for the salvation of humanity.

The Assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

Homily

In the Homily, the Celebrant explains the biblical readings, the gift and the responsibility of perpetual religious profession for the sanctification of the one called, for the good of the Church and of the whole human family (particularly with regard to the character and activities of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation).

Examination

At the end of the Homily, the Professed rises and the Celebrant asks her:

Beloved sister, in Baptism you died to sin and were reborn into the new life of daughter of God and member of God's Holy People, the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family, so that you may bring to perfection your offering in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Celebrant consigns the Bible to the Perpetually Professed.

Receive the Sacred Scriptures. Live, proclaim and witness to the Gospel, following the example of the Apostle Paul.

The Perpetually Professed responds:

Amen.

While the newly Perpetually Professed, the Celebrant, or the Delegate, and the Witnesses sign the profession document, the assembly sings the **Magnificat**.

Solemn Blessing of the Perpetually Professed

The newly Perpetually Professed kneels before the altar. The Celebrant with hands extended says:

O God, the beginning and source of all holiness, you so loved people that you made them sharers in your divine life, and in your mercy, you did not want the sin of Adam and the iniquities of the world to spoil this design of your love.

Already at the beginning of history you gave us in Abel the just man, a model of innocent life, and in your providence, down through the centuries, you have raised up from the lineage of the chosen people holy men and women of eminent virtues. Shining out among them all is the Daughter of Zion, the Blessed Virgin Mary. From her virginal womb came forth your Word made man for the salvation of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Splendor of your holiness, O Father, he made himself poor to enrich us and took our human nature to restore us to freedom; in his Paschal Mystery he redeemed the

The Celebrant:

Let us pray. Hear, O Lord, the invocations of your people in prayer; dispose with heavenly grace the heart of your servant who is about to consecrate herself to you forever so that the fire of the Holy Spirit may purify her heart from every stain, and enkindle totally in her the ardor of your charity. Through Christ our Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Profession

After the Litany, two already professed members approach the altar and stay next to the Celebrant, or the Delegate, to fulfil the function of qualified witnesses. The temporary Professed proclaims the formula of perpetual profession, placing her right hand on the book of the Gospels.

I, ..., for the honor of God, moved by a firm resolve to consecrate myself to Him more intimately and to follow Christ the Master more closely, before the brothers and sisters here present and into your hands, Father, profess the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, for all my life, according to the Statute of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Society of Saint Paul and forming part of the Pauline Family. To this Institute I offer myself wholeheartedly so that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary and Saint Paul the Apostle, I may attain perfect charity in the service of God and the Church.

The Celebrant:

And I, in the name of the Church, receive the vows made by you in the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, aggregated to the Church, Bride and Body of the Lord. Do you now resolve to give yourself exclusively and forever to our Lord Jesus Christ through the profession of the Evangelical Counsels?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you resolve, with the help of God's grace, to embrace and observe that same life of obedience, chastity and poverty that Christ the Lord chose?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant:

Do you desire, for the greater glory of God, the good of the Church and the salvation of men, to exercise and promote evangelization in the fields specific to you as consecrated laywoman and in the world of Communication according to the spirit of Saint Paul and the Charism handed down to the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation by Blessed James Alberione?

The Professed answers:

Yes, I do.

The Celebrant confirms her resolve, saying:

May God who began this good work in you, bring it to completion until the day of Christ the Lord.

The Assembly responds:

Amen.

Litany

The Celebrant introduces the singing of the Litany of the Saints:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us humbly address our prayer to God the Father, giver of all good, so that through the intercession of all the Saints, he may confirm the resolve that he himself has awaken in this his daughter.

The choir begins the Litany and the assembly responds. The name of the Patron Saint of the Professed may be inserted at the appropriate place.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God,	pray for us
Holy Mary, Queen of the Apostles	pray for us
Saint Michael	pray for us
Saint Gabriel	pray for us
You all Holy Angels of God	pray for us
Saint John the Baptist	pray for us
Saint Joseph	pray for us
Saints Peter and Paul	pray for us
Saint John	pray for us
You all Holy Apostles and Evangelists	pray for us
Saint Mary Magdalene	pray for us
You all holy disciples of the Lord	pray for us
Saint Stephen	pray for us
Saint Lawrence	pray for us
Saint Agnes	pray for us
You all Holy Martyrs	pray for us
Saint Basil	pray for us
Saint Augustine	pray for us
Saint Benedict	pray for us
Saint Bernard	pray for us
Saint Francis	pray for us
Saint Dominic	pray for us
Saint Ignatius of Loyola	pray for us

Saint Vincent de Paul	pray for us
Saint John Bosco	pray for us
Saint Catherine of Siena	pray for us
Saint Teresa of Jesus	pray for us
Blessed James Alberione	pray for us
Blessed Timothy Giaccardo	pray for us
All you Saints of God	pray for us
From all evil	deliver us, Lord
From all sin	deliver us, Lord
From eternal death	deliver us, Lord
Through your incarnation	deliver us, Lord
Through your death and resurrection	deliver us, Lord
Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit	deliver us, Lord
We sinners	we pray you, hear us
That you may increase in your servant our Pope	
and in all the ministers of the Church	
the gifts of the Holy Spirit	we pray you, hear us
That you may give the Church and humanity	
an ever more fruitful life through the offering	
and mission of your children	we pray you, hear us
That you may enlighten and guide the life and wo	rk
of consecrated persons for the peace and good	
of the whole human family	we pray you, hear us
That you bless, sanctify and consecrate	
this daughter of yours	we pray you, hear us
That you may give this daughter of yours	
the gift of fidelity and perseverance	we pray you, hear us
That you may make this daughter of yours,	
who consecrate her life to you today, more and	more conformed
to the image of Christ	we pray you, hear us
That you may help the Pauline family to live in the	charity of Christ
according to the example of the Apostle Paul	we pray you, hear us
Christ, hear us	Christ, hear us
Christ, graciously hear us	Christ, graciously hear u

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