

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS - THE FIRST ORDER

The Formulae of Profession

AT FIRST PROFESSION

The candidate kneels, places his/her hands between those of the Minister and says:

I, Brother/Sister N,
here in the sight of the holy angels
and all the company of heaven
and in the presence of this congregation,
dedicate myself to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ
with the First Order of the Society of Saint Francis,
following the evangelical counsels
of poverty, chastity and obedience,
and I now take upon me the three-fold vow,
according to the Constitution of this Community,
God being my helper.

AT LIFE PROFESSION

Having been presented by the Minister Provincial to the Provincial Bishop Protector or a duly-appointed proxy, the candidate kneels before the Protector, places his/her hands between those of the Protector and says:

I, Brother/Sister N,
do hereby dedicate myself for my whole life,
in company with the brothers/sisters
of the First Order of the Society of St Francis,
to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to follow him under the conditions of
poverty, chastity and obedience
in the way of the blessed Francis;
and I promise and vow in the presence of Almighty God
that I will live according to the Rule of this Community,
God being my helper.

The newly life professed shall then sign the Act of Profession. The Protector shall then solemnly read and sign the Declaration of Profession, as follows:

I, N, by divine permission Bishop of N,
during the will of God Protector of the N Province
of the Society of Saint Francis:
with the consent of the Provincial Chapter
do hereby declare Brother / Sister N
to be duly admitted into the fellowship
of life profession within the Society.
Witness my hand ✠
Given this day of
in the year of our Lord thousand
To the glory of God. Amen