



Rite of Admission to the Sodality of Mary, Mother of Priests

When there is a procession the Litany is said or sung:

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

God, the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**

Holy Mother of God, **pray for us.**

Holy Virgin of virgins, **pray for us.**

Mother of Christ, **pray for us.**

Mother of the Church, **pray for us.**

Mother of Divine Grace, **pray for us.**

Mother most pure, **pray for us.**

Mother most chaste, **pray for us.**

Mother inviolate, **pray for us.**

Mother undefiled, **pray for us.**

Mother most amiable, **pray for us.**

Mother most admirable, **pray for us.**

Mother of good counsel, **pray for us.**

Mother of our Creator, **pray for us.**

Mother of our Saviour, **pray for us.**

Mother of priests, **pray for us.**

Mother of the Church, **pray for us.**

Virgin most prudent, **pray for us.**

Virgin most venerable, **pray for us.**

Virgin most renowned, **pray for us.**

Virgin most powerful, **pray for us.**

Virgin most merciful, **pray for us.**

Virgin most faithful, **pray for us.**

Mirror of justice, **pray for us.**

Seat of wisdom, **pray for us.**

Cause of our joy, **pray for us.**

Spiritual vessel, **pray for us.**

Singular vessel of devotion, **pray for us.**

Mystical rose, **pray for us.**

Tower of David, **pray for us.**
Tower of ivory, **pray for us.**
House of gold, **pray for us.**
Ark of the Covenant, **pray for us.**
Gate of heaven, **pray for us.**
Morning star, **pray for us.**
Health of the sick, **pray for us.**
Refuge of sinners, **pray for us.**
Comforter of the afflicted, **pray for us.**
Help of Christians, **pray for us.**
Queen of angels, **pray for us.**
Queen of patriarchs, **pray for us.**
Queen of prophets, **pray for us.**
Queen of apostles, **pray for us.**
Queen of martyrs, **pray for us.**
Queen of confessors, **pray for us.**
Queen of virgins, **pray for us.**
Queen of all Saints, **pray for us.**
Queen conceived without Original Sin, **pray for us.**
Queen assumed into Heaven, **pray for us.**
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, **pray for us.**
Queen of Peace, **pray for us.**
Queen of the Church, **pray for us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
spare us O Lord!
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
graciously hear us, O Lord!
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
Father,
in your love for us
you chose Mary to be the Mother of your Son,
the first to welcome Him into her heart
and to bring Him forth for a waiting world.
Grant us such a measure of her grace
as to be truly devoted to your Word.
By the loving intercession of Our Lady,
re-consecrate us each day,
and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit
bring us, your pilgrim priests,
to be set forth upon the ocean of light which is the Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

1 ADMISSION OF FULL MEMBERS

Those to be admitted step forward

Sister(s)/brother(s) / Sisters and brothers, what do you seek?

Each candidate responds:

**I ask to be admitted
for one year
into the Sodality of Mary, Mother of Priests,
that I may grow in holiness and love
and that my priestly life may be supported
by Mary as patron and mother.**

May the Lord Jesus Christ grant you his grace,
and with your fellow Sodalists may you enter ever more deeply
into the life of this dispersed community.

Amen.

On the occasion of first admission:

Sister/Brother, receive this Manual.
Bear witness to the Gospel of Christ in the world,
and stand, like Mary,
near the crosses of your sisters and brothers.

Amen.

The presider then invites all to pray, saying:

Let us pray.

After a pause for silent prayer, the presider then continues:

Look kindly, O Lord,
upon *these our sisters and brothers*,
who, by the gift of your Spirit,
are called to life within this Sodality.

Grant that in imitation of the Virgin,
Mother and disciple of Christ,
they may live in your service
and the service of their sisters and brothers.

May they be gentle, humble, and merciful,
and form together one heart and one mind.

May they offer to you
the pleasing sacrifice of a life
lived according to the Gospel.
We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sister(s)/brother(s) / Sisters and brothers,
you have been admitted
to this Sodality. Trust in the grace of God and under the protection of the Virgin travel
the road of service and mutual love which you have embraced today.

PRESENTATION OF THE SCAPULAR

God uses ordinary things as signs to express his extraordinary mercy toward us.
Through simple things we express our gratitude, declare our willingness to
serve God, and profess the resolve to live up to our baptismal consecration.

This Scapular of the Sodality of Mary is a sign of the motherly love of the Virgin
Mary, which reminds us of her care for the members of our spiritual family,
especially in moments of great need.

It is a love which seeks a reciprocal love. This Scapular is a sign of communion
with one another, dedicated to the service of our Lady for the good of the
whole Church.

With this Scapular you express the desire to share in the spirit and life of our
Sodality. The Scapular is a mirror of the humility and purity of Mary:
through her simplicity she invites us to live modestly and in purity.

By wearing the Scapular, it becomes a sign of our special dedication
to the love and service of the Virgin Mary.

By wearing the Scapular, you renew your baptismal vow to put on our Lord
Jesus Christ. In Mary, your hope of salvation will be safeguarded, because in her
the God of Life has made his abode.

Blessings of the scapular(s):

O God,
the author and perfecter of all holiness,
you call all who are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit
to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity.
Look with kindness on those who devoutly receive this scapular
in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As long as they live
let them become sharers in the image of Christ your Son
and, after they have fulfilled their mission on earth,
with the help of Mary, the Virgin Mother,
receive them into the joy of your heavenly home.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The scapular(s) is/are sprinkled with Holy Water.

By receiving this scapular you have been accepted into the family of our
Sodality, consecrated in a special way to the imitation and service
of the Virgin Mother of God, that you may live for Christ and his Church.

The Scapular(s) is/are presented to those receiving them.

2 ACCEPTANCE OF ASSOCIATES

Those to be accepted step forward.

Sister(s)/brother(s) / Sisters and brothers, you desire to be associated with the Sodality in a spirit of fellowship and prayer and to work for the sanctification of priests for the proclamation of the Kingdom.

Receive these/this badge(s)
as a sign of your association,
never cease in prayer
for this Sodality
that under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Priests,
we may make Christ known to the world.
Amen,

3 WELCOME OF ASPIRANTS

Those to be welcomed step forward.

Sister(s)/brother(s) / Sisters and brothers,
you aspire to become part of the Sodality of Mary, Mother of Priests,
with the support and friendship of the members of the Sodality
may the Lord bless your desire and bring it to fruition.

Receive these/this badge(s)
as a sign of your aspiration,
never cease in prayer
for this Sodality, as we will pray for you in your formation,
that under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Priests,
we may make Christ known to the world.
Amen,

AFTER ALL ADMISSIONS ARE COMPLETED

May our Lady protect us and guide us on this way of life.

Amen.

All present may embrace the candidates and a round of applause offered.

The Salve Regina is sung before the ministers return to the sanctuary.

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*