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CEREMONIES

OF A

Reception and Profession,

ACCORDING TO THE FORM ESTABLISHED IN
PRESENTATION HOUSES

OF THE

Congregation of Cork.



IN LATIN AND ENGLISH.

Behold, we have left all things, and have followed thee. ST. MAT. XIX. 27.

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A Reception, or Clothing.

THE Lady who is to take the religious habit, having made the usual preparation, will communicate, on the morning fixed for her Reception, immediately after the Superioress. The holy Communion, on her account, will, on that day, be generally received.

On the eve, or morning of the Reception day, the Sacristan will prepare the Linen, and inside dress of the Postulant, that they may be blessed at a convenient hour.

In the Choir, close to the grate, will be spread a grey serge Carpet, sufficiently long and wide for three or four persons to prostrate thereon, with their arms extended in the form of a Cross. The Postulant's robe, belt, mantle, veil, and domino, will be placed on a small bench on a level with the grate, and one of the Altar Candlesticks will be left there for her Candle.

The Sacristan will also take care to provide in the front Choir, Candles for the Community, and the Cross for the Procession.

The Postulant's guimpe, bandeau, &c. &c. will be left in the Chapter, that there may be no delay when she leaves the Choir, to change her dress. A veil will be negligently thrown on her head when she returns to the Choir.

CEREMONY OF
RECEPTION, OR CLOTHING.



ALL the Nuns being assembled in the front Choir, clad in their Choir mantles, each bearing in her hand a lighted taper, the Lady who is to take the habit places herself between the Superioress and her assistant, and kneels to ask the blessing of the Superioress, and the religious name which she intends to bear henceforth. Meanwhile the Sacristan opens the Choir grate, and returns to the Choir. The Superioress then gives the signal and immediately the Chauntress commences the Hymn *O Gloriosa Virginum*, which all continue. At the same time the Cross-bearer and the Versiculars enter the Choir, after them the Novices, and professed Nuns in rank, two and two, making a genuflection in the middle of the Choir, and ranging themselves in the back seats; the elders near the grate. The Cross-bearer with the Versiculars having approached the grate, remain there about the length of an Ave Maria, she then places the Cross on the step of the grate, and all three retire to their places. The Superioress enters last, holding the right hand of the Postulant, who is accompanied on the other side by the Mother-Assistant. When they approach the grate the Postulant makes a low courtesy before the blessed Sacrament, and kneels with her hands joined.

HYMNUS.

O Gloriosa Vir-
ginum,
Sublimis inter sidera,
Qui te creavit parvu-
lum,
Lactente nutris ubera.

Quod Eva tristis ab-
stulit,
Tu reddis almo ger-
mine:
Intrent ut astra febli-
les,
Cael recludis cardines.

Tu Regis asti janua,
Et aula lucis fulgida:
Vitam datam per Vir-
ginem,
Gentes redemptae pla-
dite.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Vir-
gine,

HYMN.

O Mary! whilst thy
Maker blest,
Is nourished at thy
Virgin's breast,
Such glory shines, that
stars less bright,
Behold thy face, and
lose their light.

The loss that man in
Eve deplores,
Thy fruitful womb in
Christ restores,
And makes the way
to heaven free,
For them that mourn,
to follow thee.

By thee the heavenly
gates display,
And shew the light of
endless day:
Sing ransom'd nations,
sing and own
Your ransom was a
Virgin's son.

May age to age for
ever sing,
The Virgin's son and
Angels' king;

<p>Cum Patre, et almo Spíritu, In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.</p>	<p>And praise with the celestial host, The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</p>
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If this Hymn do not suffice during the entrance of the Nuns, the two middle verses will be repeated; the last is not to be sung, until they are all in their places, that they may bow while it is repeating.

<p>V. Ora pro ea sancta Dei genitrix. (<i>Paschal time Alleluia</i>) R. Ut digna effici- antur promissionibus Christi. (<i>Alle.</i>)</p>	<p>V. Pray for her, O holy Mother of God, R. That she may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.</p>
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For a plural number.

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The Celebrant being come to the Altar with his assistants, says the following prayers, during which the Choir turns towards the grate.

OREMUS.

DEUS qui sub vexillo gloriósæ Virginis Mariæ genetrícis unigéniti Fíllii tui, húmílem Ordinem tibi eléctum in Ecclésia tua mirábiliter erexisti; concéde propítius: ut cujus commemoratióem devóti venerámur in terris; ejus in præsentí auxiliis muníri, & in futúro gáudiis sempitérnis perfruireámur. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

The prayer being finished, the Celebrant blesses the Candle which is prepared on the Altar, saying:

V. Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini
R. Qui fecit cælum & terram.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, who hast wonderfully raised up in thy church, under the patronage of the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of thy only begotten Son, the humble order which thou hast chosen, mercifully grant that as we devoutly honour her memory on earth, we may deserve to be strengthened by her assistance here, and to enjoy everlasting happiness hereafter, thro' the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made the heavens and the earth.

V. Dóminus vobis-
cum.

R. Et cum spírítu
tuo.

V. The Lord be with
you.

R. And with thy
spirit.

OREMUS.

Domine Jesu Christe,
Fili Dei vivi, bené ✠
dic candélam ístam, or,
candelas ístas, supplicati-
ónibus nostris: ín-
fúnde ei Dómine per
virtútem sanctæ ✠
Crucis benedictiónem
cælestem, qui eam, or,
qui eas, ad repellédas
ténébras humano géne-
ri tribuísti, talémque
benedictiónem signá-
culo sanctæ ✠ Crucis
accépiat, ut quibuscúm-
que locis accénsa, seu
pósita fúerit, or, pó-
sita fúerint, discédant
príncipes tenebrárum
& contremíscant, &
fúgiant, pávidicum óm-
nibus ministris suis ab
habitationibus illis, nec
præsúmant amplíus ín-
quietáre serviétes tibi
omnipoténti Deo. Qui
vívís & regnas cum Deo

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
son of the living God,
we humbly beseech
thee, bless ✠ this
Candle (or these Can-
dles) infuse into it (or
into them) by the virtue
of thy holy ✠ cross,
thy heavenly benedic-
tion, who hast granted
it to mankind to dispel
darkness, and may it
receive such a blessing
by the sign of the
holy ✠ cross, that in
whatever places it (or
they) shall be lighted
or placed, the princes
of darkness, with all
their powers, may de-
part, and tremble, and
fly dismayed from those
hábitations, and never
more presume to trou-
ble those who serve
thee almighty God, who
lívest and reignest with

Patre in unitate Spíritus Sancti Deus. Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant then incenses the Candle, and sprinkles it with Holy Water, after which he approaches the grate with his assistants, and presents it lighting to the Postulant, who receives it kneeling on the step of the grate, where she remains until the following prayer is ended by Amen.

Accipe filia charísimá, lumen corporále, in signum lúminis interiórís, ad repelléndas omnes ténebras ignorántiæ, vel erróris; ut lúmine divínæ sapiéntiæ illustráta, cum fervóre Sancti Spíritus, Jesu Christi Ecclésiæ sponsi, ætérnum consórtium mereáris. Qui vivit & regnat cum Deo Patre in unitate ejúsdem Spíritus Sancti Deus. Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum,

R. Amen.

God the Father, in the unity of the holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

Receive, dearly beloved daughter, this corporal light, as an emblem of the inward light, to dispel all the darkness of ignorance or error: that being illuminated with the light of divine wisdom, with the fervour of the holy Ghost, thou mayest deserve to be eternally united with Jesus Christ, the spouse of the church, who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of God the holy Ghost, world without end. R. Amen.

The Sermon follows, during which the Nuns and the Postulant sit down. (1)

After the Sermon the Superioress raises the Postulant from her seat, and, with the Assistant, conducts her to the grate, where the Celebrant proposes the following questions, during which the Choir turns to the Altar.

My Child, What do you demand?

The mercy of God, the holy habit of religion, the charity of the order, and the society of the Mothers and Sisters.

Is it with your free will and consent you demand the habit of religion?

Yes, my Rev. Father, (*My Lord, in case a Bishop officiates.*)

Turning to the Superioress, he says, Rev. Mother have you inquired into the other points necessary to be known for those who enter into religion, and are you fully satisfied?

Yes, Rev. Father.

My dear Child, have you a firm intention to persevere in religion to the end of your life, and do you think you have sufficient strength to bear constantly the sweet yoke of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the love and fear of God alone?

Relying on the mercy of God, and on the prayers of the Mothers and Sisters, I hope to be able to do so.

Then making a courtesy she kneels down.

(1) If there be no Sermon, the Celebrant may give a short exhortation to the Postulant.

The Celebrant rising, says,

Quod Deus in te incepit, ipse perficiat.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant: Exuat te Dóminus veterem hóminem cum áctibus suis.

Amen.

What God has commenced in you, may he himself perfect.

The Postulant replies, Amen.

May the Lord banish from you the old man with his works.

The Postulant Amen.

She then rises, courtesys to the Celebrant, and retires, accompanied by the Superiress, the Assistant and others if necessary, to the place appointed to change her secular dress for the religious habit. Her hair is not to be cut off until her profession.

Immediately the Chauntress entones the Psalm, In exitu Israel, which the Choirs sing alternately.

PSAUME 113.

In éxitu Israél de Ægypto: * domus Jacob de pópulo bárbaro.

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus: * Israél potestas ejus.

Mare vidit, & fugit: * Jordánis conversus est retrórsus.

PSALM 113.

When Israel went out of Egypt: the house of Jacob from a barbarous people.

Judea was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea saw, and fled: Jordan was turned back.

Montes exultavérunt
ut arietes : * & colles
sicut agni óvium.

Quid est tibi mare,
quod fugisti : * & tu
Jordánis, quia con-
vérsus es retrórsus ?

Montes exultástis si-
cut arietes : * & colles
sicut agni óvium.

A fácie Dómini mota
est terra : * à fácie
Dei Jacob.

Qui convértit petram
in stagna aquárum : *
& rupem in fontes
aquárum.

Non nobis, Dómine,
non nobis : * sed nó-
mini tuo da glóriam.

Super misericórdia
tua, & veritate tua : *
nequándo dicant Gen-
tes ; Ubi est Deus
eórum ?

Deus autem noster
in cœlo : * ómnia quæ-
cúmque vóluit, fecit.

The mountains skip-
ped like rams, and the
hills like the lambs of
the flock.

What ailed thee, O
thou sea, that thou
didst flee : and thou,
O Jordan, that thou
wast turned back ?

Ye mountains, that
ye skipped like rams,
and ye hills, like lambs
of the flock ?

At the presence of
the Lord the earth was
moved, at the presence
of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the rock
into pools of water,
and the stony hill into
fountains of water.

Not to us, O Lord,
not to us : but to thy
name give glory.

For thy mercy, and
for thy truth's sake :
lest the Gentiles should
say, Where is their
God ?

But our God is in
heaven : he hath done
all things whatsoever
he would.

**Simulácrá Géntium
argéntum & aurum, *
ópera mánuum hómi-
num.**

**Os habent, & non
loquéntur: * óculos
habent, & non vidé-
bunt.**

**Aures habent, & non
aúdiunt: * nares ha-
bent, & non odorábunt.**

**Manus habent, & non
palpábunt; pedes ha-
bent, & non ambulá-
bunt: * non clamábunt
in gútture suo.**

**Similes illis fiant qui
fáciunt ea: * & omnes
qui confídunt in eis.**

**Domus Israél sperávit
in Dómino: * adjútor
eórum, & protéctor
eórum est.**

**Domus Aaron sper-
ávit in Domino: *
adjútor eórum & pro-
téctor eórum est.**

**Qui timent Dóminum,
speravérunt in Dómi-
no: * adjútor eórum
& protéctor eórum est.**

**The idols of the
Gentiles are silver and
gold: the works of the
hands of men.**

**They have mouths
and speak not: they
have eyes and see not.**

**They have ears and
hear not: they have
noses and smell not.**

**They have hands
and feel not; they
have feet and walk
not; néither shall they
cry out through their
throat.**

**Let them that make
them become like unto
them; and all such as
trust in them.**

**The house of Israel
hath hoped in the Lord;
he is their helper and
their protector.**

**The house of Aaron
hath hoped in the Lord;
he is their helper and
their protector.**

**They that fear the
Lord, have hoped in
the Lord: He is their
helper and their pro-
tector.**

Dóminus memor fuit nostri: * & benedixit nobis.

Benedixit dómui Israël: * benedixit dómui Aaron.

Benedixit ómnibus qui timent Dóminum: * pusillis cum majóribus.

Adjíciat Dóminus super vos: * super vos, & super filios vestros.

Benedícti vos à Dómino, * qui fecit cœlum & terram.

Cœlum cœli Dómino; * terram autem dedit filiiis hóminum.

Non mórtui laudábunt te Dómine, * neque omnes qui descéndunt in inférnum.

Sed nos qui vívimus, benedícimus Dómino, * ex hoc nunc & usque in sæculum.

Glória Patri, &c.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and hath blessed us.

He hath blessed the house of Israel; he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

He hath blessed all that fear the Lord, both little and great.

May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you and upon your children.

Blessed be you of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is the Lord's: but the earth he has given to the children of men.

The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord: nor any of them that go down to hell.

But we that live bless the Lord; from this time, now, and for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

If this Psalm be concluded before the return of the Postulant, Conserva me. Ps. 15. Quám dilécta, Ps. 83. Lætatus sum in his, or any of the other gradual Psalms may be added.

After the Postulant leaves the Choir, the bench upon which her robe and outside dress had been previously placed, is brought by the Sacristan to the grate, that they may be blessed by the Celebrant, in a low voice, as follows.

V. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spíritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

OREMUS.

Deus æterórum bonórum fidelíssime promíssor, certíssime persolútor, qui vestiméntum salútis, & indumentum æternæ jucunditátis tuis fidelibus promísisti, cleméntiam tuam suppliciter exorámus: ut hæc indumenta humilitátem cordis, & contéptum mundi significántia, quibus fámula tua (or, fámulæ tuæ) sancto

LET US PRAY.

O God, most faithful promiser, and never-failing bestower, of everlasting benefits, who hast promised thy faithful the garment of salvation, and the raiment of endless bliss, we humbly implore thy clemency, that thou wouldst bless these garments, the emblem of lowliness of heart, and of contempt of the world, in whom thy

visibíliter est infor-
mánda (or, sunt in-
formánda) propósito,
bene ✠ dícas: ut
beátæ castitátis hábi-
tum quem te inspiránte
súscipit (or, suscipi-
unt) te protegénte cus-
tódíat, (or, custódi-
ant) & quam (or quas)
veneránda ✠ véstibus
promissiónis ✠ indpis
temporáliter, beátâ fa-
ciás immortalitáte ves-
tíri. Per Dóminum
nostrum Jesum Chris-
tum Fílium tuum.
Qui tecum vivit & reg-
nat in unitate Spíritus
Sancti Deus. Per
ómnia sæcula sæculó-
rum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Domine Deus, boná-
rum virtútum dator,
& ómnium benedictió-
num largus infúsor:
te obnísxis précibus de-
precámut, ut has ves-
tes bene ✠ dícere, &
sancti ✠ ficáre digné-

servant (or servants)
is (or are) to be ar-
rayed, in conformity
to her pious purpose,
that by thy protection
she may keep the ha-
bit of holy charity
which she takes upon
her, by thy inspiration,
and that thou wouldst
cause her whom thou
clothest in the gar-
ments of pious pro-
fession, to be arrayed
in a happy immortali-
ty, through our Lord
Jesus Christ thy son,
who with thee liveth
and reigneth in the
unity of the Holy Ghost,
one God, world with-
out end. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord God, who
giveth salutary virtues,
and plenteously pour-
est blessings on us all,
vouchsafe, we earnestly
beseech thee, to ✠
bless and sanctify these
garments, which thy

ris, quas famula tua
(or, famulae tuae) pro
indicio cognoscenda
Religionis induere cu-
pit, (or, cupiunt) ut
inter reliquas feminas
tibi cognoscatur dicata
(or, cognoscantur di-
catae.) Per Christum
Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Exaudi, omnipotens
Deus, preces nostras,
& has vestes quas famu-
la tua ad seipsam ope-
riendam exposcit, (or,
famulae tuae, ad seipsam
operiendas exposcunt)
vobis bene ✠ dic-
tionis habere perfunde,
sicut perfudisti oram
vestimentorum Aaron
benedictione unguenti
profluentis a capite in
barbam: & sicut bene-
dixisti vestes omnium
Religiosorum tibi per
omnia placentium, ita
eas bene ✠ dicere, &
sancti ✠ ficare dig-
neris, ac praesta cle-

servant, (or servants)
desireth (or desire) to
put on, as a mark of
her reception, that she
(or they) may be known
among all other wo-
men, to be dedicated
to thee, through Christ
our Lord.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty God, hear
our prayers, and plen-
tifully shower down
thy blessings on these
garments, with which
thy servant (or ser-
vants) earnestly desi-
reth (or desire) to be
covered, as thou pour-
edst out on the hem of
Aaron's garments the
benediction of oint-
ment, flowing down
from his head on his
beard, and as thou
blessedst the garments
of the religious who
pleased thee in all
things, so mayest thou
vouchsafe to bless ✠

mentissime Pater, ut supradictæ famulæ tuæ, (or, supradictis famulâbus tuis) sint hæ vestes salutis protectio, hæ cognitio Religionis, hæ initium sanctitatis, hæ contra omnia tela inimici robusta defensio, ut centésimi muneris opulentia, perseverante continentia ditetur, (or, ditentur.) Per Christum Dñm nostrum.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant then sprinkles the clothes with holy water, after which the Sacristan takes them to the Postulant: mean-while the Celebrant continues the blessing of the veil.

OREMUS.

Suppliciter te, Dòmine, rogâmus, ut super hanc vestem ancillæ tuæ capiti imponendam (or, has vestes ancillarum tuarum capitibus imponendas) bene ✠ dictio tua benigna descendat: & sit hæc vestis benedic.

and ✠ sanctify them, and grant that to thy above-named servant these garments may be a protection of safety, a mark of religion, a beginning of holiness, and a strong defence against all the weapons of the enemy, that persevering in chastity she may be enriched with a hundred fold reward through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thy bounteous blessing may descend on this garment, (or those garments) which is to be put on the head of thy servant, and that this garment may be ✠ blessed, consecrated,

ta, consecrata, immaculata, & sancta, (*or,* & sint hæ vestes benedictæ, consecratæ, immaculatæ, & sanctæ.)
Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

unspotted and holy, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Caput ómnium fidélium Deus, & totius córporis salvátor, hoc operimentum veláminis, quod sámula tua, (*or,* hæc óperimenta veláminum, quæ sámulæ tuæ) propter tuum, tuæque genitricis beatíssimæ Virgínis Mariæ amórem suo cápiti est impositúra, (*or,* suis cápítibus sunt imposituræ) dextera sua sanctífica, & hoc quod per illud (*or,* illa) mysticè datur intélligi, tua semper custódia

LET US PRAY.

O God, head of all the faithful, and saviour of the whole body, sanctify with thy right hand this covering of the veil, which for thy love, and thy most blessed Mother's, thy servant* is about to put on her head, and may she by thy protection, always with equal purity of body and mind, preserve what is mystically signified thereby, that when with the prudent virgins she shall come

* If there be more than one to be received, read in the plural number.

córpore páriter & áni-
mo incontamináto cus-
tódiať: (*or, custódi-
ant*) ut quando ad
perpétuam sanctórum
remuneratióem véne-
rit, (*or, vénerint*)
cum prudéntibus &
ipsa, (*or, ipsæ*) virgín-
ibus præparáta (*or,
præparátæ,*) te perdu-
cénťe, ad sempitérnæ
felicítatis nuptias ín-
troíre mereátur, (*or,
mereántur.*) Qui vivis,
& regnas Deus in sæ-
cula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

to the everlasting re-
compense of the saints,
she also being prepa-
red. may be worthy
to enter, conducted by
thee to the nuptials of
endless felicity, who
livest and reignest God
for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

*He then sprinkles the veil with holy water ;
after which the Nuns sit down, and continue
the Psalm, until the appearance of the Novice,
who returns to the Choir accompanied by those
with whom she left it ; having in her hands
her Robe without a Cincture, a guimp, a veil,
and wax candle lighting.*

*As soon as she is perceived from the Choir,
the Chantress solemnly commences the follow-
ing Antiphon, which all continue, so as to
finish by the time the Novice arrives at the
grate.*

The Chantress, Quæ est ista.

The Choir, Quæ ascendit de deserto: deliciis affluens, innixa super dilectum suum? Tota pulchra es amica meo, suavis & decora. Veni de Libano sponsa mea: Veni de Libano, veni coronaberis.

Who is she that cometh up from the desert, flowing with delights, leaning upon her beloved? Thou art all fair, my beloved, milch and beautiful. Come my spouse, from Libanus: Come from Libanus: Come, thou shalt be crowned.

The Novice being come to the grate, makes a genuflection to the blessed Sacrament, and kneels, while the Superioress and Assistant return to their places.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross over the Novice, and the remainder of the religious dress with which she is going to be clothed, saying in a low voice,

Induat te Dominus novum hominem, qui secundum Deum creatus est in justitia, & sanctitate veritatis. In nomine Patris, & Filii, & Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

May the Lord put on thee the new man, who according to God is created in justice, and holiness of truth. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

After which he says aloud,

V. Dómine Deus virtútum convérte nos.

R. Et osténde fáciem tuam & salvi érimus.

V. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

OREMUS.

Domine Deus virtútum supplices deprecámur cleméntiam tuam, ut hanc fámulam tuam (*or, has fámulas tuas*) miseratiónis tuæ abundántia, ab omni vetustátis corruptiône expúrges, & capácem (*or, capáces*) sanctæ novitátis efficias. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord God of Hosts, convert us.

R. And show thy face, and we shall be saved.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord God of virtue, we humbly implore thy clemency, that in the abundance of thy mercy thou mayest cleanse thy servant (*or servants*) from all the corruption of the old state, and make her capable of a holy newness through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen,

If the Celebrant wish to officiate with more solemnity, he may say the following prayers.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Deus indulgentiæ,
& misericordiârum Pa-
ter, qui severitatem tuæ
discretiõnis temperans,
indulsisti ne filius por-
tet iniquitatem patris,
& qui mirabili dispen-
satione malis bené
utens, tuæ dignationis
gratiam per peccató-
rum ministérium fre-
quenter largiris: quæ-
sumus imménsam cle-
méntiam tuam, ut huic
fámulæ tuæ, (*or, istis
famulâbus tuis,*) non
obsístat, quòd hábitum
sanctæ Religiónis ad
honórem Beátæ Mariæ
Vírginis, dedicatæ (per
nos tanto ac tali mi-
nistério indignos) hódie
súscipit, (*or, suscipi-
unt,*) seũ ministérium
quod per nos extériùs
exhibétur, tu intériùs

O God, Father of
tenderness and mercy,
who tempering the se-
verity of thy judgment,
hast granted that the
son should not suffer
for the offence of the
father, and who by a
wonderful dispensation
making a good use of
the bad, frequently
bestowest the grace of
thy favor by the mi-
nistry of sinners, we
beseech thy great cle-
mency that it may not
be detrimental to thy
servant (*or servants*)
here, that she receives
this day the habit of
the holy order dedica-
ted to the honor of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
from our hands, who are
so unworthy of so high
and so awful a duty,

per donum Sancti Spíritus exequáris. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Domine Jesu Christe, ætérni Patris unigénite, qui nostræ mortalitátis tegmen in Beátæ, & intemerátæ Vírginis Mariæ útero indúere, & mundum peccátis inveterátum, per tuæ incarnationis mystérium renováre dignátus es: te súpplices exorámus, ut intercedénte ipsa tua genitríce Maria, hæc fámula tua, (*or, hæ famulæ tuæ,*) in spíritu mentis suæ renováta, (*or, renovátæ,*) vétérém hóminem cum áctibus suis éxuat, (*or, éxuant,*) & novum hóminem,

but that thou mayest ratify interiorly by the gift of the Holy Ghost, the act that is exteriorly performed by us, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten of the eternal Father, who vouchsafedst to assume the veil of our mortality in the womb of the blessed and immaculate Virgin Mary, and by the mystery of thy incarnation to renew the world grown old in sin: We humbly implore thee that by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, thy mother, thy servant here being renewed in spirit, may put off the old man with all his acts, and deserve to put on the new man who was cre-

qui secundum Deum
creatus est. Induere
mereatur, (or, mere-
antur.) Qui vivis &
regnas in secula seculorum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Sancte Spiritus, qui
te Deum ac Dominum
revelare dignatus es
mortalibus, immensam
tuam pietatis postulamus
gratiam; ut sicut
ubi vis spiras, sic, &
huic famulae tuae, (or
istis famulis tuis,) affectum
devotionis concedas, ut per inter-
cessionem beatissimae
Virginis Mariae, cui
peculiariter in sancta
Religione devotum ex-
hibere disposuit famu-
latum, eam, (or, eas)
a vanitate saeculi veraciter
convertas, & ad
hujus sancti propositi
observantiam facias ita
certatim fervere, qua-

ated to the likeness of
God, who livest and
reignest world without
end.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Spirit, who
hast vouchsafed to re-
veal thyself God and
Lord to mortals, we
entreat the boundless
favor of thy goodness,
that as thou breathest
where it pleaseth thee,
so mayest thou grant
to this thy servant
(or servants) the spirit
of devotion, by the
intercession of the most
blessed Virgin Mary,
to whom particularly
she hath resolved to
be a devoted servant
in holy religion, thou
mayest truly convert
her from the vanity
of the world, and fill
her with so ardent a

tēnus justē, & piē vivēdo, per veram humilitātem, obediētiā, castitātem abdicatiōnem proprietātis, & erga p̄rvas charitātem in fratēna dilectiōne constāti perseverātia, hujus sancti propōsiti cursum valeat (or, valeant,) feliciter consummāre. Quod ipse prestāre dignēris: qui cum Patre, & Fīlio vivis & regnas Deus in s̄cula s̄culōrum.

R. Amen.

zeal for the observance of this holy purpose, that by a righteous and godly life in unfeigned humility, obedience, chastity, resignation of property, and charity towards female youth, with a firm perseverance in fraternal love, she may be enabled to arrive happily at the consummation of this holy purpose, which mayest thou vouchsafe to grant, who with the Father and Son livest and reignest one God world without end.

R. Amen.

At the conclusion of these prayers the Superioress raises the Novice, who after making a genuflection to the blessed Sacrament turns towards the Reverend Mother. The Assistant presents the Cincture with the rest of her dress, to the Superioress, who puts on the Cincture, while the Celebrant repeats the following. The Choir remains all the time turned towards the Altar.

Cum esses júnior
cingébas te, & ambu-
lábas ubi volébas : cúm
autem senúeris, álius
te cinget : In nómine
Patris ✠ & Fílii, &
Spíritus sancti.

When thou wast
younger, thou didst
gird thyself, and didst
walk where thou
wouldst : but when
thou shalt be old,
another shall gird thee.
In the name of the
Father, ✠ and of the
Son, ✠ and of the
Holy Ghost.

His Assistant replies, Amen.

After receiving the cincture the Novice kneels, and the Superioress gives her the blessed veil; the Assistant withdraws the other, and the Celebrant says,

Accipe velum cándi-
dum signum intórnae
puritátis, ut sequáris
Agnum sine mácula,
& ámbules cum eo in
albis. In nómine Pa-
tris, ✠ & Fílii, &
Spíritus sancti.

Receive the white
veil, the emblem of
inward purity, that
thou mayest follow
the lamb without stain
and mayest walk with
him in white. In the
name of the Father,
✠ and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Ghost.

His Assistant replies, Amen.

The Novice then rises, and the Superioress puts on her cloak or mantle, while the Celebrant says,

Reddat tibi Dóminus stolam immortalitátis, quam perdidisti in prævaricatióne primi parentis : In nómine Patris, ✠ & Fílii, & Spíritus sancti.

May the Lord restore to thee the robe of immortality, which thou didst lose in the prevarication of thy first Parent. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost.

His Assistant replies, Amen.

The Novice being thus clothed, makes first a bow to the Superioress, then a genuflection to the blessed Sacrament, and afterwards places herself on her knees. The Assistant hands her her wax Candle, and the Celebrant sprinkles her with holy Water through the Choir-grate, saying aloud, with his hands extended over her,

V. Dóminus vobis. cum.

R. Et cum spíritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Adesto, Dómine, supplicatióibus nostris, & hanc fámulam tuam, cui, (*or*, has fámulas tuas quibus,) in tuo sancto nómine, hábitum hujus sacre Religiónis imposúimus bene ✠ dícere dignéris, & præsta: ut te largiénte, dévota in Ecclésia persístat, (*or*, persístant,) & vitam ætérnam mereátur, (*or* mereántur.) Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

The Chauntress turning towards the Altar continues the responsary. Regnum mundi: which the Choirs, facing each other, continue.

Et omnem ornátum sæculi contépsi propter amórem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi. Quem vidi, quem am-

Attend, O Lord, to our supplications, and vouchsafe to bless ✠ this thy servant, whom in thy holy name we have arrayed in the habit of this holy order, and grant that by thy bounty she may devoutly persevere in the church, and merit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The empire of the world, and all the grandeur of this earth, I have despised for love of our Lord Jesus

ávi, in quem crédidi,
quem diléxi.

Christ, whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

*When the foregoing responsary is com-
menced by the Chantress the Assistant raises
the Novice who retires a few paces from the
grate and sings,*

V. Eructávit cor
meum verbum bonum:
dico ego ópera mea
regi.

V. My heart hath
uttered a good word.
I speak my works to
the king.

The Choir repeats

R. Quem vidi, quem
amávi, in quem cré-
didi, quem diléxi.

R. Whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

The Novice,

V. Elégi abjécta
esse in domo Dómini
mei Jesu Christi.

V. I have chosen
to be an abject in the
house of my Lord Je-
sus Christ.

The Choir,

R. Quem vidi, &c. R. Whom I have
seen, &c.

The Novice then making a profound inclination repeats the Versicle.

Glória Patri, & Fílio,
& Spirítui Sancto. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

The Choir,

R. Quem vidi, quem R. Whom I have
amávi, in quem cré- seen, whom I have
didi, quem diléxi. loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

The Novice's Candle is then taken from her, nor is it returned 'till after she has embraced the Nuns. The Celebrant then kneels, and entones the Hymn Veni Créator Spíritus, which the Choirs continue alternately, kneeling also. The Novice meanwhile prostrates with her arms extended in form of a cross, and remains so during the following suffrages and prayers.

HYMNUS.

Veni Creàtor Spíritus,
Mentes tuórum visita;
Imple supérna grátia,
Quæ tu creásti pècto-
ra.

Qui diceris Paràcli-
tus,
Altíssimi donum Dei,
Fons vivus, ignis, chà-
ritas,
Et spiritális únctio.

Tu septifórmis má-
nere,
Dígitus Patérnæ dex-
teræ
Tu ritè promíssum Pa-
tris,
Sermóne dilans gúttu-
ra.

Accénde lumen sén-
sibus,
Infúnde amórem cór-
dibus:
Infirma nostri córpo-
ris,
Virtúte firmans pérpe-
ti.

HYMN.

Come plastic Spirit,
come! descend!
Visit the souls of thine:
With heavenly grace
correct, amend,
And influence benign.

Thou Paraclete, so
truly styl'd;
Thou gift of the most
High;
Fountain of life, fire,
sweetness mild,
And unction's moving
sigh.

The seven-fold meed
to mortals sent,
Finger of God's right
hand,
Truth in each language
eloquent,
Resounds at thy com-
mand.

Light up in us this
sacred fire,
Reanimate our heart;
Cherish, support, di-
rect, inspire,
And thy whole self
impart.

Hostem repéllas lón-
giùs,
Pacémque dones pró-
tinus,
Ductóre sic te prævio,
Vitémus omne nóxium.

With pow'r resistless
now repel
Our soul's infernal foe;
Guide us scure from
death and hell,
Thy peace, thy love
bestow.

Per te sciámus da Pa-
trem,
Noscámus atque Fíli-
um,
Te utriúsque Spíritum,
Credámus omni tém-
pore.

Give us the Father
here to know,
Give us to know the
Son,
And thee the Spirit of
the two,
May we at all times
own.

Deo Patri sit glória,
Et Filio qui à mórtuis
Surréxit, ac Paráclito,
In sæculórum sæcula.
Amen.

To God the Father
glory be,
And Son, who from
the dead
Arose in immortality,
The Holy Ghost to
shed. Amen.

The Celebrant rises when the Hymn is finished; the Nuns also rise, and face the Altar.

The Celebrant.

Kyrie eléïson. Lord have mercy
 on us.

The Choir,

Christe eléïson. Christ have mercy
 on us.

The Celebrant,

Kyrie eléïson. Pa- Lord have mercy on
ter noster. us. Our Father.

V. Et ne nos indú- V. And lead us not
cas in tentatiónem. into temptation.

The Choir,

V. Sed líberas nos V. But deliver us
à malo. from evil.

The Celebrant,

V. Manda Deus vir- V. Command thy
túti tuæ. strength, O God.

The Choir,

R. Confírma hoc R. Confirm, O God,
Deus quod operátus es what thou hast wrought
in ea, (or,) in eis. in her.

The Celebrant,

V. Salvam fac ancillam tuam, (*or,*) Salvas fac ancillas tuas, Dómine. *V.* Preserve thy handmaid, O Lord.

The Choir,

R. Deus meus sperantem, (*or,*) sperantes, in te. *R.* Hoping in thee, O my God.

The Celebrant.

V. Esto ei, (*or,*) eis, Dómine turris fortitúdinis. *V.* Be unto her a tower of strength.

The Choir,

R. A facie inimici. *R.* From the face of the enemy.

The Celebrant,

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in ea, (*or,*) in eis. *V.* Let not the enemy prevail against her.

The Choir,

R. Et fílius iniquitatis non appóreat nocére ei, (*or, eis.*) *R.* And let not the son of iniquity have power to hurt her.

The Celebrant,

V. Ora pro ea, (*or,* *V.* Pray for her, O
eis,) sancta Dei géne- holy Mother of God.
trix.

The Choir,

R. Ut digna effici- *R.* That she may be
atur, (*or,* dignæ effi- made worthy of the
ciantur,) promissioni- promises of Christ.
bus Christi.

The Celebrant,

V. Dómine exaúdi *V.* O Lord, hear
orationem meam. my prayer.

The Choir,

R. Et clamor meus *R.* And let my cry
ad te véniat. come unto thee.

The Celebrant,

V. Dóminus vobis- *V.* The Lord be-
cúm. with you.

The Choir,

R. Et cum spírítu *R.* And with thy
tuo. spirit.

OREMUS.

Deus qui corda fide-
lîum Sancti Spîritus
illustratióne docuisti :
da ei, (*or, eis*) in eódem
Spîritu recta sápere,
& de ejus semper con-
solatióne gaudére.

Prótege, Dómine,
fámulam tuam, (*or,*
fámulas tuas) subsidiis
pacis, & beátæ Mariæ
semper Vírginis patro-
cínii confidéntem, (*or,*
confidéntes) à cunctis
hóstibus redde secú-
ram. (*or, secúras.*)

Deus miséricors, Deus
clemens, cui bona
cuncta placent, sine
quo nihil boni incho-
átur, sine quo nihil
boni perfícitur, adsint
nostris humíllimis pré-
cibus tuæ pietátis au-
res, & hanc fámulam
tuam cui, (*or, has*
fámulas tuas quibus,)

LET US PRAY.

O God, who by the
light of the Holy Spi-
rit hast instructed the
hearts of the faithful,
grant her in the same
spirit a right under-
standing, and always
to rejoice in his con-
solation.

Protect, O Lord, thy
servant with the bless-
ings of peace, and as
she placeth her confi-
dence in the patronage
of the Blessed Mary,
ever Virgin, rescue her
from all her enemies.

O Merciful God of
clemency, to whom all
good things are pleas-
ing, without whom no-
thing good is begun,
without whom nothing
good is accomplished,
lend thy compassionate
ears to our most hum-
ble prayers, and defend
this thy servant, on

ia tuo sancto nómine velum imposúimus, ab omni mundána vaultate, & sæculári impediménto, ac carnáli desiderio defénte, & concédenti, (or, cis) propítias; ut in hoc sancto propósito devóta persistere váleat, (or, devótæ persistere váleant) & remissioné peccatórum percépta, ad electórum tuórum consórtium váleat, (or váleant) felícitur pervenire.

Deus, qui non vis mortem peccatóris, sed per pœniténtiam emendatióem vitæ semper inquáris: te supplicíter deprecámur, et huic fámulæ tuæ, (or, istis famulábus tuis) sæculáribus áctibus renuntiánti, (or, renuntiántibus), langam tuæ miseratiónis grátiam infúndere dignéris, quatenus castris tuis insérta, (or, insértæ) ita

whom, in thy holy name, we have put the veil, from every worldly vanity, secular impediment, and carnal desire; and mercifully grant that she may be able to persevere devoutly in this holy purpose, and having obtained the remission of her sins, to be united with thy elect.

O God, who wilt not the death of a sinner, but always seekest the amendment of his life by repentance, we humbly beseech thee that thou mayest vouchsafe to pour the plenteous grace of thy mercy on thy servant who renounceth worldly concerns, so that being admitted into thy camp she may be able to fi-

tibi militando, stádium
vitæ præsentis percár-
rere váleat, (or váleant)
ut æternæ remunera-
tiónis bravium te do-
nante percípiat, (or,
percípiant) & sicut,
te inspirante: sacris
optat, (or, optant)
jungi consórtiis, & com-
múnem vivendi soci-
tátem inire: sic cum
eléctis tuis, à te remu-
neratóre ómnium bo-
nórum, váleat, (or,
váleant) repromíssa
præmia percípere. Per
Christum Dóminum
nostrum.

R. Amen.

nish the course of this
present life so good a
soldier in thy service,
that she may receive at
thy hands the prize
of everlasting recom-
pense: and that as by
thy inspiration, she de-
sireth to be associated
and to live in commu-
nity with this pious
sisterhood, so with thy
elect she may obtain
the promised remune-
rations from thee who
rewardest all the vir-
tuous, through Christ
our Lord.

R. Amen.

*When these prayers are finished, the Cele-
brant sprinkles the Novice with holy water.
The Assistant then raises her; makes a genu-
flection with her to the blessed Sacrament,
and afterwards conducts her to the Superi-
oress, where the Novice kneels to salute the
reverend Mother, who immediately raises and
cordially embraces her: she afterwards em-
braces the rest of the Nuns one after another,
commencing by the Elders on the right side,
then on the left.*

In crossing the Choir she makes a genuflection to the blessed Sacrament, and a little inclination before and after embracing each Nun She finishes by the Mother-Assistant, who brings her back to the grate, where she again kneels, holding her candle.

While the forementioned ceremony is going forward, that is, as soon as the Novice salutes the-Superioress, the Chauntresses entone the psalm Ecce quàm bonum, which is sung by the Choir, facing each other.

Et quàm jucúndum	Behold, how good
habitáre fratres in	and how pleasant it is
unum.	for brethren to dwell
	together in unity.

The Chantresses,

Sicut unguéntum in	Like the precious
capite: quod descéndit	ointment on the head,
in barbam, barbam	that ran down upon
Aaron.	the beard, the beard
	of Aaron.

The Choir,

Ecce quàm bonum,	Behold, how good
& quàm jucúndum,	and how pleasant it is
habitáre fratres in	for brethren to dwell
unum.	together in unity.

The Chantresses,

Quod descendit in
oram vestiménti ejus,
sicut ros Hermon, qui
descendit in montem
Sion.

Which ran down to
the skirt of his gar-
ment, as the dew of
Hermon, which de-
scendeth on Mount
Sion.

The Choir,

Ecce quàm bonum,
& quàm jucúndum,
habitáre fratres in
unum,

Behold, how good
and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell
together in unity.

The Chantresses,

Quóniam illic man-
dávít Dóminus bene-
dictiónem, & vitam
usque in sæculum.

For there the Lord
hath commanded bles-
sings and life for ever
more.

The Choir,

Ecce quàm bonum,
& quàm jucúndum,
habitáre fratres in
unum.

Behold, how good
and how pleasant it is,
for brethren to dwell
together in unity.

The Chantresses,

Gloria Patri, & Fílio,
& Spíritui Sancto.

Glory be to the Fa-
ther, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

The Choir,

Ecce quàm bonum,
& quàm jucundum,
habitare fratres in
unum.

Behold, how good
and how pleasant it is,
for brethren to dwell
together in unity.

The Chantresses,

Sicut erat in princi-
pio, & nunc, & semper:
& in sæcula sæculó-
rum, Amen.

As it was in the be-
ginning is now, and
ever shall be, world
without end, Amen.

If this psalm be not sufficiently long, it will be repeated before Gloria Patri is said.

After the last versicle, the Chauntresses entone the Deus misereatur, which is continued by the Choir, while the Nuns depart in procession as they entered. Towards the conclusion of the Ecce quàm bonum the Cross-bearer rises from her place and takes the Cross; the two Versiculars accompany her, and leading the way, while the Novices and the young professed advance on each side towards the middle to make a genuflection. They then follow the Cross, each in her rank, the Novice last, between the Superiors and the Assistant.

PSALM lxvi.

Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis :
* illuminat vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.

Ut cognoscamus in terra viam tuam :* in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus ;* confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Lætentur et exultent gentes ;* quoniam iudicas populos in equitate, et gentes in terra dirigis.

Confiteantur tibi populi Deus, confiteantur tibi populi omnes :* terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedicat nos Deus, Deus noster, benedicat nos Deus :* et metuant eum omnes fines terræ.

May God have mercy on us and bless us :* may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.

That we may know thy way upon earth :* in all nations thy salvation.

Let people confess to thee, O God :* let all people give praise to thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice :* for thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon the earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to thee, let all the people give praise to thee :* the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God, our God, bless us ; may God bless us ;* and all the ends of the earth fear him.

When all have retired the Sacristan closes the grate, and the company depart.

The Reception or Clothing of Lay-sisters is performed in the same manner, except that they do not sing, but remain kneeling while the Chauntresses repeat the versicles that are marked.

END OF THE
CEREMONY
OF THE
RECEPTION OR CLOTHING.



CEREMONY OF A PROFESSION.

On the day of a Profession the Sacristan prepares whatever is necessary for a solemn Mass, also the holy-water pot, and the black veil in a silver basket, or any such vase. The other preparations are the same as for a Reception. The second Mistress of Novices leaves an ink-stand near the grate, with the vows of the Novice written on parchment, and signed by the Novice herself.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONY.

Every thing being prepared in the front Choir as for a Reception, the Nuns enter in procession, singing the Hymn Veni Creator.

*V. Emitte spiritum
tuum & creábuntur.*

*R. Et renovábis fá-
ciem terræ.*

*V. Send forth thy
spirit, and they shall
be created.*

*R. And thou shalt
renew the face of the
earth.*

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Deus qui corda fide-
lium Sancti Spiritus
illustratione docuisti:
da nobis in eodem spi-
ritu recta sapere, &
de ejus semper conso-
latione gaudere. Per
Christum Dominum
nostrum.

R. Amen.

O God, who by the
light of the Holy Ghost
hast instructed the
hearts of the faithful,
grant her, in the same
spirit, a right under-
standing, and always
to rejoice in his conso-
lation, through Christ
our Lord.

R. Amen.

*The Novice to be professed, kneels near
the grate, holding a lighted candle. The
black veil which had been previously placed
on the Altar, is blessed by the Celebrant
as follows.*

V. Adjutorium nos-
trum in nomine Domini
(The Choir make the
sign of the Cross.)

R. Qui fecit cælum
& terram.

V. Ostende nobis
Domine misericordiam
tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum
da nobis.

V. Our help is in
the name of the Lord.

R. Who made hea-
ven and earth.

V. Shew us, O Lord,
thy mercy.

R. And grant us
thy salvation.

V. Dómine Deus virtútum convérte nos.

R. Et osténde faciém tuam & salvi érimus.

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobiscúm.

R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

V. O Lord God of Hosts, convert us.

R. And shew thy face, and we shall be saved.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spírít.

OREMUS.

Suppliciter te Dómine rogámus, ut super hanc vestem ancillæ tuæ cápiti imponéndam (*or, super has vestes ancillarum tuatum capitibus imponendas,*) benedictio tua benigna descéndat: ut sit hæc vestis benedicta, consecrata, immaculata, & sancta, (*or, ut sint hæc vestes benedictæ, consecratæ, immaculatæ, & sanctæ.*) Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thy bounteous ✠ blessing may descend on this garment, which is to be put on the head of thy servant, (*or those garments, &c.*) and that this garment may be ✠ blessed, consecrated, unspotted, and holy, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Caput ómnium fidélium Deus, & totius córporis Salvátor, hoc operiméntum veláminis, quod sámula, (*or*, hæc operiméntum veláminum quæ sámulæ tuæ) propter tuum, tuæque genitricis Beátissimæ Vírginis Mariæ amórem suo cápiti est impositúra, (*or*, suis capítibus sunt imposituræ) dextera tua sanctífica, & hoc quod per illud, (*or*, illa) mysticé datur intélligi, tua semper custódia, córpore, páriter & ánimo incontamináto custódiat: (*or*, custódiat) ut quando ad perpétuam sanctórum remuneratióem vénerit, (*or*, vénerint) cum prudéntibus & ipsa vírginibus præparáta, (*or*, præparátæ) te duce ad sempitérnæ felicitátis nuptias introire mereátur, (*or*,

O God, head of all the faithful, and Saviour of the whole body, sanctify with thy right hand this covering of the veil, which for thy love, and thy most blessed Mother's, thy servant, (*or*, &c.) is about to put on her head, and may she, by thy protection, always with equal purity of body and mind, preserve what is mystically signified thereby, that when with the prudent virgins, she may come to the everlasting recompense of the saints, she also, being prepared, may be worthy to enter, conducted by thee to the nuptials of endless felicity, who livest and reignest one God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

mereantur.) Qui vivis
& regnas cum Deo
Patre, in unitate Spí-
ritus Sancti Deus. Per
omnia sæcula sæculò-
rum.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant sprinkles the veil with holy water, saying, In nómine Patris, & Fílii, & Spíritus sancti. The blessing of the veil being finished, the Deacon sings the following Gospel, which is succeeded by the Sermon.

V. Dóminus vobís-
cum.

R. Et cum spírítu
tuo.

V. Sequéntia sancti
Evangélii secúndum
Matthæum.

R. Glòria tibi Dó-
mine.

V. The Lord be with
you.

R. And with thy
spirit.

V. The continuation
of the holy gospel ac-
cording to St. Mat-
thew.

R. Glory be to thee
O Lord.

ST. MATTHEW, xvi. 24. 28.

In illo témpore:
Dixit Jesus Discípulis
suis. Si quis vult
venire post me, abne-
get semetípsum, & tol-
lat crucem suam, &

At that time Jesus
said to his disciples:
If any man will come
after me, let him deny
himself, and take up
his cross, and follow

sequatur me. Qui voluerit animam suam salvam facere, perdet eam. Qui autem perdidit animam suam propter me, inveniet eam. Quid enim prodest homini, si universum mundum lucratur, animæ verò suæ detrimentum patiatur? Aut quam dabit homo commutationem pro anima sua? Filius enim hominis venturus est in glória Patris sui cum Angelis suis: & tunc reddet unicuique secundùm opera ejus.

me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it. For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels: and then will he render to every man according to his works.

When the Sermon is finished, the Novice approaches the grate, where the Celebrant, being seated proposes the following questions.

My Child, what do you demand?

The Novice, kneeling, replies. Though most unworthy, Reverend Father, (*My Lord, if a Bishop officiate*) I humbly beseech you to receive me to the holy Profession.

Do you think yourself sufficiently instructed in what regards the Institute of this Monastery, the essential vows of religion, the rules and

constitutions, and do you know well to what you propose to oblige yourself in making profession.

Yes, Reverend Father, with the grace of God.

Det tibi Deus in hoc sancto propósito perseverántiam, illúdq̄ue ad optátum efféctum perdúcere sua benignitáte dignétur: In nómine Patris, ✠ & Fílii, & Spíritus Sancti.

R. Amen.

May the Lord grant you perseverance in this your holy resolution, and may he deizn in his mercy, to consummate what he has begun. In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

The solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost is afterwards said, unless it be a double festival, or Sunday. After the Collect of the Mass the Celebrant shall say the following for the Novice.

OREMUS.

Da quæsumus Dómine, huic famulæ tuæ, quam, (or, istis famulábus tuis quas) castitátis honóre dignátus es decoráre, inchoáti óperis consummátum efféctus: & ut perfectam tibi offerat,

LET US PRAY.

Grant, O Lord, to this thy servant, whom thou hast deigned to adorn with the honor of chastity, effectually to complete the work she hath undertaken, and that she may present to thee its full

(*or, offerant*) plenitudinem, initia sua perducere mereatur, (*or, mereantur*) ad finem. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit & regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus. Per omnia secula seculorum.

R. Amen.

SECRETA.

Oblatis hostiis, quesumus Domine, presentis famulae tuae, (*or, presentibus famulis tuis*) perseverantiam perpetuae castitatis accommoda: ut apertis januis summi Regis adventu, regnum caeleste cum laetitia mereatur, (*or, mereantur*) intrare. Per Dominum nostrum.

POST COMMUNIO.

Deus, qui habitaculum tuum, in corde

perfection, may she deserve to bring what she hath begun to a conclusion, through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee, liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, our God world without end.

R. Amen.

SECRET.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, in virtue of the sacrifice presented thee, that thy servant here present may persevere in chastity to the end of her life, that the gates being open at the coming of the great King, she may be worthy to enter with joy into the heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION.

O God, who hast established thy habitation

pudico fundasti, rév.
 pice super hanc famu-
 lam tuam: (or, has
 famulas tuas) & que
 castigaciónibus assé-
 duis póstulat, (or,
 póstulant) tua conso-
 latione percípiat, (or,
 percipiant) Per Dó-
 minum nostram, &c.

in a chaste heart, look
 down upon this thy
 servant, and may she
 receive, by thy conso-
 lation, whatsoever she
 requireth in her daily
 trials, through Jesus
 Christ our Lord.

At the Agnus Dei the Sacristan lays the Communion cloth.

After the Post-Communion the Choir kneels, and the Superiress says, or sings the versicle.

Immola in Deo sa-
 crificium laudis.

Offer to God the sa-
 crifice of praise.

The Choir,

Et redde Altissimo
 vota tua.

And pay thy vows
 to the most high.

While the last versicle is singing the Assistant takes the Cundle from the Novice, who, with her hands joined, and holding the formulary of her vows, sings,

Vota mea Dómino
 reddam in conspéctu
 omnis pópuli ejus, in
 átriis domus Dómini.

I will pay my vows
 to the Lord, in the
 sight of all his peoples;
 in the Courts of the
 House of the Lord.
Psalms.

The Deacon and Sub-Deacon say the Confiteor at the Altar, after which the Celebrant, preceded by his assistants approaches the Grate, holds the blessed Sacrament before the Novice, and says Domine non sum dignus three times; the Superioress standing near the Novice 'till she has pronounced her vows.

At the end of the third Domine non sum dignus the Novice kneels on the step before the grate, makes a profound adoration before the blessed Sacrament, and reads aloud her vows.

In the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and under the protection of his immaculate Mother, Mary ever Virgin, I, Sister N. N. called in Religion N. N. do vow and promise to God, Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, and to persevere until the end of my life in this Institute for the charitable Instruction of poor girls in this Enclosure, according to the Rules and Constitutions of this Congregation of the Presentation of our Blessed Lady, approved of and confirmed by the Apostolical Authority of our Holy Father Pope Pius VII. under the authority, and in presence of you, my Lord, Right Reverend Father in God, N. N. Bishop of N. N. (or in presence of the Priest who officiates by the appointment of the Bishop) and of our Reverend Mother, Sister N. N. called in Religion N. N. Superioress of this Convent of the Presentation. In the year of our Lord N. N.

If the Superioress cannot attend, her Assistant will be named in the foregoing formulary: she will also perform the duty of the Superioress during the Ceremony.

When the Novice pronounces her vows, the Mother-Assistant presents her a pen, with which she makes a ✠ at the end of her signature; the Celebrant then gives her the holy Communion, saying;

Quod Deus in te
incœpit, ipse perficiat,
& corpus Dómini nos-
tri Jesu Christi, cus-
tódiait ánimam tuám in
vitam æternam, Amen.

What God has com-
menced in thee, may
he himself perfect, and
may the body of our
Lord Jesus Christ pre-
serve thy soul unto
everlasting life, Amen.

Having Communicated she kneels at a little distance, and after a few minutes rises to present the formulary of her profession on her knees to the Superioress.

Mass is finished; after which the Celebrant takes off the Chasuble und puts on a Cope; then comes to the Grate, and commences the following antiphon, which the Choir, kneeling, continues.

Veni sancte Spíritus,
reple tuórum corda fi-
délium, & tui amóris
in eis ignem accénde.

Come, Holy Ghost,
replenish the hearts of
thy faithful, and en-
kindle in them the fire
of thy Divine Love.

After the Antiphon the Celebrant says the following prayers, while the Nuns rise and turn towards the Altar.

OREMUS.

Deus cui omne cor patet, & omnis voluntas loquitur, & quem nullum latet secretum, purifica per infusionem Sancti Spiritus cogitationes cordis nostri: ut te perfecte diligere, & dignè laudare mereamur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum. Qui tecum vivit & regnat in unitate ejúsdem Spiritus Sancti Deus. Per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Actiões nostras, quæ sumus Dómine, aspirándo præveni, & adjuvándo proséquere: ut cuncta nostra oratio, & operatio, à te semper incípiat, & per

LET US PRAY.

O God, to whom every heart is open, and every inclination manifest, and from whom no secret is hidden, purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may deserve to love thee perfectly, and praise thee worthily, through our Lord Jesus Christ the Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that our actions may be preceded by thy inspirations, and carried on by thy assistance, that every prayer and work of

te coep̄ta finiatur. Per
Christum Dóminum
nostrum.

R. Amen.

ours may always be-
gin with thee, and by
thee be happily finish-
ed, through Christ our
Lord.

R. Amen.

During this last prayer the newly professed rises, and approaches the Grate, where she kneels before the Celebrant, who says over her the following prayers.

V. Dóminus vobis-
cum.

R. Et cum sp̄ritu
tuo.

V. The Lord be with
you.

R. And with thy
spirit.

OREMUS.

Sempiterno Deus, &
Pater omnipotens, qui
humane fragilitatis in-
firmitatem agnoscis;
respice quassumus, su-
per hanc famulam tuam
(or, has famulas tuas)
& largâ tuæ benedicti-
onis abundantia, infir-
mitatem ejus, (or, eá-
rum) corroborare dig-
neris: ut promissa vota
quæ præveniéndò aspi-
rásti, per auxiliium
gratiæ tuæ sanctè, piè,
ac religiosè vivéndò
valeant, (or, valeant)

LET US PRAY.

O Eternal God and
Almighty Father, who
knowest the weakness
of human frailty, look
down, we beseech
thee, on this thy ser-
vant, and vouchsafe to
strengthen her infirmi-
ty with the overflow-
ing abundance of thy
benediction, that, as-
sisted by thy grace,
she may, by a holy,
pious and religious life
be able vigilantly to
keep the vows which
she hath made by the

vigilanter observare, & observando, vitam promereri sempiternam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

influence of thy inspiration, and by keeping them, merit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

OREMUS.

Dominus Jesus Christe, Pater misericordiarum, qui non vult mortem peccatoris, sed ut magis convertatur, & vivat, qui omnes ad poenitentiam vocat, ipse tibi sua ineffabili misericordia, & solita pietate, veram, & continuam cordis contritionem, ac sanctam poenitentiam inspiret: ut dignè habitum Religionis, & sanctae Professionis, gestare, & promissa sancta valeas, (or, valeatis) adimplere, ac in suo sancto servitio perseverare, & cum electis ejus, ad gaudia feliciter pervenire. Qui cum Patre, & Spiritu Sancto vivit & regnat Deus. Per

LET US PRAY.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, who willeth not the death of a sinner but rather that he may be converted and live; who calleth all to repentance in his unspeakable mercy and wonted tenderness, inspire thee with true and constant contrition of heart, and holy repentance, that thou mayest be able worthily so wear the habit of Religion and holy Profession and to fulfil thy holy promises and to persevere in his holy service, and happily arrive with his elect, at everlasting joys, who with the Father and the Holy

omnia sæcula sæculò.
 rum.
 R. Amen.

Ghost, liveth and reign-
 eth one God; world
 without end.
 R. Amen.

The Celebrant then sprinkles her with holy water, in form of a Cross, saying In nómine Patris, & Filii, & Spíritus Sancti.

The Chantrass entones the Tenuiste manum which is continued by the Choir, who stand face to face. The Assistant at the same time raises the newly Professed, who retires a few steps from the Grate, and remains standing, holding her Candle.

V. Tenuisti manum
 dexteram meam, & in
 voluntate tua deduxisti
 me: & cum gloria sus-
 cepisti me.

R. Quid enim mihi
 est in cælo? & a te
 quid volui super terram

V. Thou hast held
 me by my right hand;
 and by thy will thou
 hast conducted me:
 and with glory thou
 hast received me.

R. For what have I
 in heaven? and besides
 thee what do I desire
 upon earth?

The Professed,

V. Defecit caro mea
 & cor meum: Deus
 cordis mei, & pars mea
 Deus in æternum.

V. For thee my flesh
 and my heart hath
 fainted away: thou art
 the God of my heart,
 and the God that is
 my portion for ever.

The Choir,

R. Quid enim mihi est in cælo? & a te quid volui super terram
R. For what have I in heaven? and besides thee what do I desire upon earth?

The Celebrant commences the Antiphon Veni sponsa Christi, (Come Spouse of Christ) which the Choir continues, while the newly-Professed approaches the grate, and kneels.

Accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternam
 Receive the crown, which the Lord hath prepared for thee for ever.

The Celebrant,

Dominus sit tibi, (or) vobis adjutor, & protector, atque omnium peccatorum tuorum, (or) vestrorum, indultor.
 May the Lord be to thee a helper and protector, and pardon all thy sins.

The Choir,

R. Amen.

The newly-Professed rises, goes a little distance from the grate, and says, or sings, three times, the following Versicle, while the Choir turns towards the Altar.

V. Súscipe me, Domine, secundum eloquium tuum, & vivam: & non confundas me, ab expectatione mea.
 Uphold me according to thy word, and I shall live, and let me not be confounded in my expectation.

Ps. cxviii.

The Choir answers after each, Amen.

The Assistant then takes the Candle from the newly-professed, who approaches the grate, and kneels, while the Celebrant puts the black veil on her head, saying,

Suscipe Velum sacrum, pudoris & reverentiae signum, quod perferas ante tribunal Domini nostri Jesu Christi, ut habeas vitam aeternam, & vivis in saecula saeculorum.

Receive the Holy Veil, the emblem of chastity and modesty, which mayest thou carry before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life, and mayest live for ever and ever.

His Assistant replies, - Amen.

The newly-Professed turns towards the Superiress, who pins her Veil, while the Assistant takes away the white Veil. Her Candle is then given to her; she retires a few steps from the Altar, and sings,

Posuit signum in faciem meam.

He has placed his seal upon my forehead.

The Choir,

Ut nullum praeter eum amatorem admittam.

That I should admit no other lover but him.

She again kneels before the grate, where the Celebrant says,

Bene ✠ dicat te, (or, vos) Deus Pater,

May God the Father, who in the begin-

qui in principio cuncta
creavit.

R. Amen.

Bene ✠ dicat te,
(or, vos) Deus Fílius,
qui de supérnis sédi-
bus, pro nobis Salvátor
descéndit, & crucem
subire non recusávit.

R. Amen.

Bene ✠ dicat te,
(or, vos) Deus Spíritus
Sanctus, qui in simili-
túdine colúmbæ in
Jordáne, super Christ-
um requiévit.

R. Amen.

Et ipse te (or, vos)
in Trínitate perfectá
sancti ✠ fiet, &
custódiat ómnibus di-
ébus vitæ tuæ, (or,
vestræ) quem ventú-
rum ad júdicium ex-
pectámus. Qui cum
Patre & Spíritu Sancto
vivit & regnat in sæcu-
la sæculórum.

R. Amen.

ning created all things,
✠ bless thee.

R. Amen.

May God the Son
who, as our Saviour,
came down from hea-
ven, and did not refuse
to suffer the death of
the Cross, ✠ bless
thee.

R. Amen.

May God the Holy
Ghost, who in the river
Jordan, rested on Christ
in the likeness of a
dove, ✠ bless thee.

R. Amen.

And may he, in per-
fect Trinity, ✠ sanc-
tify and preserve thee
all the days of thy life,
whom we expect to
come to judgment:
Who with the Father
and the Holy Ghost
liveth and reigneth for
ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. Propitiétur Dóminus, ómnibus infirmitátibus tuis, (*or, vestris*).

R. Amen.

V. Sanet omnes languóres tuos (*or, vestros*).

R. Amen.

V. Rédimat de interítu vitam tuam, (*or, vestram*).

R. Amen.

V. Corróboret, atque confirmet in ómnibus desidérium tuum (*or, vestrum*) qui in Trinitáte perfécta vivit & regnat Deus in sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Benedíctio Dei omnipoténtis Pa-
tris, & Fí-
lii, & Spíritus
Sancti, descéndat
& máneat semper super
hanc fámulam, (*or, has famulas*) Dei.

R. Amen.

V. May the Lord pardon all thy infirmities.

R. Amen.

V. May he heal all thy diseases.

R. Amen.

V. May he redeem thy life from destruction.

R. Amen.

V. May he strengthen and confirm in all things thy desire, who in perfect Trinity dwelleth and reigneth one God world without end.

R. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Fa-
ther, Son, and Holy
Ghost, descend and
always remain upon
this servant of God.

R. Amen.

*The Chantresses entone Regnum mundi,
which the Choir continues.*

Et omnem ornatum
sæculi contempsi prop-
ter amorem Dómini
nostri Jesu Christi.
Quem vidi, quem am-
avi, in quem credidi,
quem diléxi.

The empire of the
world, and all the
grandeur of this earth,
I have despised for
love of our Lord Jesus
Christ, whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

*The newly-Professed rises, retires a few
steps, and sings,*

V. Eructavit cor
meum verbum bonum:
dico ego spera mea
regi.

V. My heart hath
uttered a good word.
I speak my works to
the king.

The Choir,

R. Quem vidi, quem
amavi, in quem cre-
didi, quem diléxi.

R. Whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

The newly-Professed,

R. Elégi abjecta
esse in domo Dómini
mei Jesu Christi.

V. I have chosen
to be an abject in the
house of my Lord Je-
sus Christ.

The Choir,

R. Quem vidi, quem
amavi, in quem cré-
didi, quem diléxi.

R. Whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

The newly-Professed,

Glória Patri, & Fílio,
& Spirítui Sancto.

Glory be to the Fa-
ther, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

The Choir,

R. Quem vidi, quem
amavi, in quem cré-
didi, quem diléxi.

R. Whom I have
seen, whom I have
loved, in whom I have
believed, and towards
whom my heart in-
clineth.

*The Celebrant entones the Te Deum, which
the Choir continue alternately, facing each
other. Meanwhile the newly-Professed pros-
trates, with her arms extended in form of a
cross, and remains in that position till the
following versicles and prayers are said.*

Te Deum laudámus :*
te Dóminum confi-
témur.

Thee, sov'reign God,
our grateful accents
praise,
We own thee Lord,
and bless thy wond-
rous ways.

Te ætérnum Patrem :*
omnis terra venerá-
tur.

To thee, eternal Father,
earth's whole frame,
With loudest trumpet,
sounds immortal fame
Lord God of hosts, to
thee the heav'nly
pow'rs,
With sounding anthems
fill thy vaulted tow-
'rs,

**Tibi Chérubim, & Sé-
raphim :*** incessá-
bili voce proclá-
mant.

The Cherubim thrice }
Holy, Holy, Holy, }
cry,

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanc-
tus :*** Dominus De-
us Sábaoth.

Thrice Holy all the }
Seraphim reply, }
And thrice returning
echo's endless song
supply.

**Pleni sunt cæli & ter-
ra :*** majestátis gló-
riæ tuæ.

Both heav'n and earth
thy majesty display,
They owe their beauty
to thy glorious ray.

Te gloriósus :* Apos-
tolórum chorus.

Thy praises fill the loud
Apostles' choir,

Te Prophetárum :* lau-
dábilis número.

The train of prophets
in the songs conspire,

V. Salvam fac ancillam tuam, (*or*, Salvas fac ancillas tuas) Dómine.

R. Deus meus sperantem, (*or*, sperantes) in te.

V. Esto ei, (*or*, eis) Dómine turris fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in ea, (*or*, in eis.)

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei, (*or*, eis.)

V. Ora pro ea, (*or*, eis,) sancta Dei genitrix.

R. Ut digna efficiatur, (*or*, dignæ efficiantur,) promissionibus Christi.

V. Dómine exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Preserve thy handmaid, O Lord.

R. Hoping in thee, O my God.

V. Be unto her a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against her.

R. And let not the son of iniquity have power to hurt her.

V. Pray for her, O holy Mother of God.

R. That she may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Dignáre Dómine die isto : * sine peccáto nos custodíre.	Preserve our soúls, O Lord, this day from ill,
Miserére nostri Dómine : * miserére nostri	Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy still.
Fiat misericórdia tua Dómine super nos : * quemádmodum sperávimus in te.	As we have hop'd, do thou reward our pain,
In te Dómine sperávi : * non confundar in ætérnum.	We've hoped in thee, let not our hope be vain.

The Choir faces the Altar, and the Celebrant says,

V. Kyrie eléison. *V.* Lord have mercy on us.

R. Christe eléison. *R.* Christ have mercy on us.

V. Kyrie eléison. *V.* Lord have mercy on us.

Pater noster. *O*ur Father.
V. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem. *V.* And lead us not into temptation.

R. Sed líbera nos à malo. *R.* But deliver us from all evil.

V. Manda Deus virtúti tuæ. *V.* Command thy strength, O God:

R. Confírma hoc Deus quód operátus es *R.* Confirm, O God, what thou hast wrought

déntibus regna cæ- lórum.	The bolts of heav'n, and back the fold- ings drew,
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes : * in glória Patris.	To give access, and make the faithful way From God's right hand thy filial beams dis- play.
Judex créderis * esse ventúrus.	Thou art to judge the living and the dead,
Te ergo quæsumus tuis fámulis súbveni : * quos pretiósó sán- guine redemísti.	Then spare those souls for whom thy veins have bled.
ÆtéRNA fac cum sanctis tuis : * in glória nu- merári,	O take us up among the blest above, To share with them thy everlasting love.
Salvum fac pópulum tuum, Dómine : * & bénédic hereditáti tuæ.	Preserve, O Lord, thy people, and enhance Thy blessing on thine own inheritance ;
Et rege eos : * & extólle illos usque in ætér- num.	For ever raise their hearts and rule their ways,
Per síngulos dies : * benedicimus te.	Each day we bless thee, and proclaim thy praise.
Et laudámus nomen tuum in sæculum : * & in sæculum sæculi	No age shall fail to ce- lebrate thy name, Nor hour neglect thy everlasting fame.

- Te Mártyrum candi-
dátus: * laudat ex-
ércitus.**
- Te per orbem terrá-
rum: * sancta con-
fítetur Ecclésia.**
- Patrem * imménsæ
majestátis.**
- Venerándam tuam ve-
rum, * & únicum
Fílium.**
- Sanctum quoque *
Paráclitum Spíritum.**
- Tu Rex glóriæ * Christe.**
- Tu Patris * sempitérnus
es Fílius.**
- Tu ad liberándum
suseptúrus hómi-
nem: * non horruísti
vírginis úterum.**
- Tu devictó mortis ac-
túo: * aperuísti ere-**
- Legions of martyrs in
the chorus shine,
And vocal blood with
vocal music join.**
- By these thy church
inspir'd with heav'n-
ly art,
Around the world
maintains a second
part,
And tunes her sweetest
notes, O God, to thee,
The Father of un-
bounded majesty ;
The Son, ador'd co-
partner of thy seat,**
- And equal everlasting
Paraclete.**
- Thou king of glory,
Christ: of the most
high,
Thou co-eternal filial
Deity.**
- Thou, who to save the
world's impending
doom,
Vouchsaf'dst to dwell
within a virgin's
womb.**
- Old tyrant death dis-
arm'd; before thee
flew**

ORÁTIUS.

LET US PRAY.

Deus, qui justificas
 impium & non vis mor-
 tem peccatorum, sup-
 pliciter exoramus: ut
 famulam tuam, (or,
 famulas tuas) de tua
 misericordia confiden-
 tem, (or, confidentes)
 cælesti prætegas benig-
 nus auxilio, & assidua
 protectione conserves,
 ut tibi jûgiter famulé-
 tur, (or, famulentur)
 & nullis tentationibus
 à te separétur, (or,
 separéntur.

Deus misericors, Deus
 clemens, cui bona
 cuncta placent, sine
 quo nihil boni incho-
 atur, sine quo nihil
 boni perficitur, adsint
 humillimis nostris præ-
 cibus tuæ pietatis au-
 res, & hanc famulam
 tuam cui, (or, has
 famulas tuas quibus,)
 in tuo sancto nómine
 velum imposúimus, ab
 omni mundána vanità-

O God, who justifi-
 est the wicked, and
 willest not the death
 of sinners, we hum-
 bly beseech thee boun-
 tifully to protect with
 thy heavenly assistance
 the servant confiding
 in thy mercy, and by
 thy constant protec-
 tion preserve her, that
 she may serve thee
 continually, and not
 be separated from thee
 by any temptations.

O Merciful God, O
 God of clemency, to
 whom all good things
 are pleasing, without
 whom nothing good is
 accomplished, lend thy
 compassionate ears to
 our most humble pray-
 ers, and defend this thy
 servant, on whom, in
 thy holy name, we
 have put the veil, from
 every worldly vanity,
 secular impediment,

te, & sæculári impedi-
 mēto, ac carnáli de-
 sidērio defēde, & con-
 cēde ei; (or, eis) pro-
 pitiū: ut in hoc sancto
 propósito devōtæ (or,
 devōtæ) persistere vā-
 leat, (or, vāleant) &
 remissióne peccatorū
 percēpta, ad electō-
 rum tuōrum consōrti-
 um vāleat. (or vāleant)
 felicitur pervenire. Per
 Christum Dōminum
 nostrum.

R. Amen.

and carnal desire; and
 mercifully grant that
 she may be able to
 persevere devoutly in
 this holy purpose, and
 having received the for-
 giveness of her sins, to
 be united with thy
 elect, through Christ
 our Lord.

R. Amen.

*The Celebrant then sprinkles the newly
 Professed with holy water, after which she
 rises and the ceremony concludes like that
 of a Reception or Clothing.*

*When Lay-Sisters are Professed, Mass
 is said with all the ceremonies of second
 Class; the profession is like that of Choir
 Nuns, except that they omit the fourth
 vow, and merely repeat the appropriate ver-
 sicles in a low voice, instead of singing
 them.*

*Those who cannot write will sign their
 profession formulary with a ✠ and if they
 cannot read they will get it by heart.*

FINIS.





