

THE ORDER OF SAINT CHARBEL

Profession of Simple Vows - Priests

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The Superior or the Moderator's Delegate:
During Holy Mass, after the Homily, addressing the Candidate(s).

Priest: My dear Brother(s) in Christ, What do you ask of God and His Holy Church?

Candidate(s): I / (We) ask for God's Merciful Love and for the Grace to Profess Simple Vows of the First Branch for the purpose of serving God more perfectly in the Order of Saint Charbel.

Moderator: Having completed your Novitiate you are now ready to make Profession of Simple Vows which will make you a full member of the Presbyterate in the First Branch. As you are aware this step in your priestly life carries with it a serious commitment to live the Evangelical Counsels in accordance with the Rule and Constitution of the First Branch. Henceforth, your life as a servant and priest of Christ is to shepherd that portion of the People of God placed under your pastoral care according to the charism of the Order of Saint Charbel. In a moment you will be wearing the Full Habit of the Order. You may now profess (or renew) your Vows to God.

PROFESSION OF SIMPLE VOWS

Candidate(s): I, in the presence of God and His Holy Church, wish to Profess Simple Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience according to the Rule and Constitution of the First Branch. I recognise my priestly vocation as a Gift of God to me. I freely, joyfully and with my whole heart embrace the Will of God and my sanctification according to our charism of the Order of Saint Charbel. I consecrate myself and my priestly service to the Triune God; the Blessed Virgin Mary, my Loving Mother; my brothers and sisters; loving and serving them with a singleness of mind and heart. Each day of my life, may my Loving Mother Mary offer me -- both priest and victim to the Triune God as a living sacrifice of love -- a Gift from Her Immaculate Heart. May this Gift of Mary give joy to God eternally and may many souls be saved.

PRESENTATION OF THE HABIT

Priest: Your Habit is a visible sign that you are consecrated to God. Receive this full Habit of the Order of Saint Charbel. May it serve as a constant reminder of God's Fidelity which has clothed you in His Merciful Love.

FULL NAME (Print):	Today's Date:
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City / State / Postcode:	Telephone 2:
Your Signature:	Witness:
Superior:	Local Superior: