

SERVICES OF THE ORDER

Service for Installing Leaders

The Service for installing leaders should ideally take place during a church service. A chapter may choose to have fewer officers and is allowed to group the duties as best fits its needs.

Clergy: Will those who have been chosen to lead this Chapter [*or Order if installing Provincial Council Leaders*] please come forward. All members of the Order may also come forward and stand behind them.

Jesus clearly laid out the mindset of Christian leadership when two of his apostles asked for special favor. His words to them are his words to you: *Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Are you prepared to serve the members of this Chapter [*or Order if installing Provincial Council officers*] and to lead in this way?

Officers: I desire to follow my Lord in all things and will lead in this manner as He guides and strengthens me through his Holy Spirit.

Clergy to President: [Name], you have been called by the Lord to preside over the shared times of meetings and fellowship and to attend to the ongoing business of the Order, so all things may be done decently and in order. Will you prayerfully perform these duties with diligence, showing impartial concern for the needs of all members?

President: I will with God's help.

Clergy to First President: [Name], you have been called by the Lord to assist the President, to preside over meetings in her absence and to attend to the business of the Order when called upon. Will you prayerfully perform the duties of your office with faithfulness in a spirit of cooperation and support?

First Vice President: I will with God's help.

Clergy to Second President: [Name], you have been called by the Lord to assist the President, to attend to the business of the Order when called upon, and in the absence of the President and First Vice President, to take on all duties of the President. Will you prayerfully perform the duties of your office with faithfulness in a spirit of cooperation and support?

Second Vice President: I will with God's help.

Clergy to Secretary: [Name], you have been called by the Lord to maintain the written record of the Order's business and activities. Will you prayerfully perform the duties of your office that there may be a faithful witness to how God has guided and provided for the Order to accomplish his work?

Secretary: I will with God's help.

Clergy to Treasurer: [Name], although members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross do not engage in fundraising, members may give of their resources to support the Order at every level. When there are offerings, you have been called by the Lord to keep careful records and to disperse all funds to the entity for which they were given. Will you prayerfully and accurately perform the duties of your office?

Treasurer: I will with God's help.

Clergy to Chapter Members: You, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, have chosen these women to hold positions of leadership, and they have accepted that sacred trust. Will you faithfully follow their lead, pray for them, encourage them, participate as you are able, and when you have questions or comments go to them that the unity of the Order may be maintained, and the work of the Lord may be done?

Chapter Members: We will with God's help.

Clergy to all Daughters: May this Chapter [*or Order if Provincial Council officers are being installed*] be blessed as the Lord strengthens and guides both the leaders and members in your mutual responsibility to make The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross conform in all ways to his plan and purpose for it.

[The service concludes with the Prayer of the Order, unless it has been said already in the Service for Admitting New Members, in which case its use is optional here.]

Clergy: As a sign of your commitment, say together the Prayer of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

All Daughters say the Prayer of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

O gracious and Holy Father,
that thy Son may be glorified,
give thy Daughters
wisdom to perceive thee,
intelligence to understand thee,
diligence to seek thee,
patience to wait for thee,
eyes to behold thee,
a *heart* to meditate upon thee,
and a *life* to proclaim thee,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
Amen.