

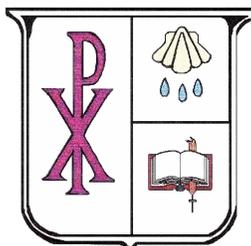
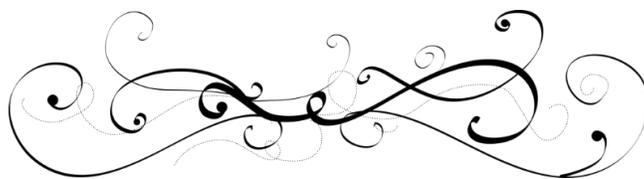


**Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity  
For clergy incardinating into the  
Catholic Church of the Americas**

Directions: With his/her right hand of the Book of Gospels, the clergy member recites the following.

Once this is done, the oath is signed by the priest/deacon/religious and the Ordinary Bishop of the Diocese as well as two witnesses. The signed document is sent to the Office of the Presiding Bishop who will sign it and affix the Seal of his/her office to the document. The document will be returned to the Diocesan Bishop who should maintain a copy for his/her files and send one to the person making the oath.

To emphasize the seriousness of this document, it is recommended that it be printed on parchment paper.



## Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity

I, \_\_\_\_\_, with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, namely:

I believe in One God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, One in being with the Creator. Through God all things were made. For us people and our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the Power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance to the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven as is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead, and God's dominion will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator. With the Creator and the Redeemer,

the Holy Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in the word of God, whether written or handed down in Tradition, which the Church, either by a solemn judgment or by the ordinary and universal Synod of Bishops, sets forth to be believed as divinely revealed.

I also firmly accept and hold each and everything definitively proposed by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which my Ordinary Bishop, his/her successors, or the Synod of Bishops enunciate when they exercise their authentic authority, even if they do not intend to proclaim their teachings by a definitive act.

In assuming the office of Priest, Deacon, or Religious, I promise that in my words and in my actions, I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church of the Americas.

With great care and fidelity, I shall carry out the duties incumbent upon me toward the Church, both universal and particular, in which, according to the provisions of the Statutes, I have been called to exercise my service. In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety; I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings contrary to it.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the entire Church and I shall maintain the observance of all ecclesiastical laws, especially those contained in Church Statutes.

With Christian obedience, I shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish.

I shall also faithfully assist my diocesan bishop and his/her successors, so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church. So help me God, and God's Holy Gospels on which I place my hand.

Affixed Signatures:

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Presiding Bishop

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Ordinary Bishop

Church Seal

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Priest/Deacon/Religious

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