

The Rite of Admission

The rite of admission normally takes place during the Eucharist after the Gospel (or any homily) with the chapter rector officiating. The candidate(s) may be presented by any appropriate chapter member. Local custom may be followed regarding posture, etc.

Reverend father/mother rector, I present to you N, who desire(s) to be admitted to the Society of Catholic Priests.

The rector says to the candidate(s) to be admitted

Members of the Society of Catholic Priests believe that the churches of the Anglican Communion are part of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, ordaining men and women to serve as deacons, priests and bishops in the church of God; believe in the real presence of the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, use and practise the seven sacraments of the church; and undertake to keep the rule of life of the Society. Do you accept these precepts?

Candidate(s)

I do.

Rector

Members of our Society seek to centre their lives on the real presence of Christ in his sacraments; to follow a corporate rule of life with integrity and humility; to give and receive hospitality after the example of Jesus; to seek the peace and unity of Christ's church, aspiring to live in full communion with all of the baptized; and to proclaim by word and example the gospel. Our life together is expressed in the hospitality of our meetings, the

concelebration of the Eucharist, mutual pastoral care for each other, and regular prayer for the priestly work of all the brothers and sisters. Do you aspire to this way of life?

Candidate(s)

I do.

The rector says to each candidate

N, I admit you into the Society of Catholic Priests in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Receive these tokens of your membership [*manual, badge and membership card*].

The rector may bless the newly admitted member.

The Nicene Creed or another authorized affirmation of faith may be said.

Rector

Let us pray.

All join in the Society Prayer, after which the rector introduces the peace.