

Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ceremony of Perpetual Profession



Do Whatever He Tells You.

John 2,5

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Introductory Rites

Welcome and Introduction

(All be seated)

Marie - Jeanne Elonga rscj

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Entrance Procession

Entrance Song: Sing a New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord, let the song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord singing Alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy, O come before the Lord,
and play for Him on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound

Rise, O children, from your sleep your saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives

Introductory Rite

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

Penitential Rite

Priest: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask for forgiveness from our God, who is full of gentleness and compassion.

Song: Lord, have mercy / Tuhan Kasihani kami
(Indonesian)

Tuhan kasihanilah kami (x2)

Kristus Kasihanilah kami (x2)

Tuhan Kasihanilah kami (x3)

Priest: Merciful God, forgive us and help us to be open to your love and for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Song: Gloria / O nkembo, nkembo o (Lingala)

O nkembo, nkembo o, nkembo alleluia, nkembo, nkembo o, nkembo alleluia (x2)

1. Nkembo na Tata a a a, azalisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

2. Nkembo na Muana a a a abikisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

3. Nkembo n'Elimo o o o asantisi biso o o, alleluia (x2)

4. O nkembo ya likolo o o nkembo ya lola o nkembo ya lola,

Tata bina a o nkembo ya Tata, mama bina a o nkembo ya Tata, elenge bina o nkembo ya Tataa a a

O Yangalala ! Yangalaleno ee (x4)

Opening Prayer

Priest: Loving God, confirm the resolve of your servants. Grant that the grace of baptism, which they wish to strengthen with new bonds, may work its full effect in them, so that they may offer you their praise and spread Christ's kingdom with apostolic zeal.

We ask this grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3 (Spanish)

(English)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, planted by the LORD to show his glory.

(French)

L'esprit du Seigneur Dieu est sur moi parce que le Seigneur m'a consacré par l'onction. Il m'a envoyé annoncer la bonne nouvelle aux humbles, guérir ceux qui ont le cœur brisé, proclamer aux captifs leur délivrance, aux prisonniers leur libération, proclamer une année de bienfaits accordée par le Seigneur, et un jour de vengeance pour notre Dieu, consoler tous ceux qui sont en deuil, ceux qui sont en deuil dans Sion, mettre le diadème sur leur tête au lieu de la cendre, l'huile de joie au lieu du deuil, un habit de fête au lieu d'un esprit abattu. Ils seront appelés « Térébinthes de justice », « Plantation du Seigneur qui manifeste sa splendeur ».

Reader: Esta es palabra de Dios

All: Te alabamos, Señor

Reponsorial (English)

**R. Here am I Lord. I've come to do your will.
Here am I, Lord. In your presence I am still.**

(French)

Le Christ nous invite à entrer dans les dispositions de son Coeur. Venu habiter dans le monde qui cherche le sens et la valeur de la vie, le Verbe incarné nous ouvre une voie nouvelle de force dans la faiblesse, de liberté dans le service, de vie à travers la mort. Nous sommes appelées à le suivre dans une vie conformée à la sienne comme le fut celle de Marie.

(Spanish)

Jesucristo nos llama a entrar en las actitudes y sentimientos de su Corazón. El Verbo hecho carne vino a habitar en un mundo que busca el sentido y el valor de la vida y nos ha abierto un camino nuevo: en él la fuerza se manifiesta en la debilidad, la libertad en el servicio, la vida en la muerte. Estamos llamadas a seguirle en una vida conforme a la suya, como fue la de Maria.

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- R. Here am I Lord. I've come to do your will.
Here am I, Lord. In your presence I am still.**

(French)

L'espérance nous pousse à chercher à faire de notre monde un grand banquet une table ouverte où l'on partage le pain et la parole où le Seigneur essuie les larmes de tant d'oppression, d'injustice, de violence, de division.

Le projet qui nous rassemble: c'est la célébration des filles et des fils de Dieu où les petits sont les premiers et où nous nous lavons les uns aux autres les pieds fatigués par le chemin.

(Spanish)

Nos mueve la esperanza de que nuestro mundo sea un gran banquete, una mesa abierta en la que se comparten el pan y la

palabra, en la que el Señor enjuga las lágrimas de tanta opresión, de tanta injusticia, violencia y división.

Nos convoca el proyecto de la celebración de las hijas e hijos de Dios, en la que los pequeños sean los primeros, y en la que nos lavemos unos a otros los pies cansados del camino.

- Chapter 1994

**R. Here am I Lord. I've come to do your will.
Here am I, Lord. In your presence I am still.**

(French)

Nous sommes appelées à atteindre de nouvelles frontières, à vivre plus humainement avec le style radical de Jésus de Nazaret, à faire silence, à être et à agir comme un seul corps. Nous savons que le sort de la Société est entre nos mains. En marche avec tous, nous voulons être des artisans d'espoir ajoutant notre petit morceau à la mosaïque de la vie.

(Spanish)

Estamos llamadas a alcanzar nuevas fronteras, a vivir más humanamente con la radicalidad del estilo de Jesús, a hacer silencio, ser y actuar como un solo cuerpo. Sabemos que la suerte de la Sociedad está en nuestras manos. Con todos, queremos ser artesanas de esperanza, añadiendo nuestra pequeña pieza al mosaico de la vida.

- Chapter 2016/2021

**R. Here am I Lord. I've come to do your will.
Here am I, Lord. In your presence I am still.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 (French)

(English)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Spanish)

Por eso doblo mis rodillas ante el Padre, de quien toma nombre toda familia en el cielo y en la tierra, para que les conceda, según la riqueza de su gloria, que sean fortalecidos por la acción de su Espíritu en el hombre interior, que Cristo habite por la fe en sus corazones, para que, arraigados y cimentados en el amor, puedan comprender con todos los santos cuál es la anchura y la longitud, la altura y la profundidad, y conocer el amor de Cristo, que excede a todo conocimiento, para que se vayan llenando hasta la total Plenitud de Dios. A Aquel que tiene poder para realizar todas las cosas incomparablemente mejor de lo que podemos pedir o pensar, conforme al poder que actúa en nosotros, a él la gloria en la Iglesia y en Cristo Jesús por todas las generaciones y todos los tiempos. Amén.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur

All: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu

Song: Sing Alleluia to the Lord

(All stand)

**Sing alleluia to the Lord, Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, Sing alleluia to the Lord.**

Moi, je suis la vigne, et vous, les sarments. Celui qui demeure en moi et en qui je demeure, celui-là porte beaucoup de fruits, car, en dehors de moi, vous ne pouvez rien faire. (Jn 15:5)

**Canta Aleluya al Señor, Canta Aleluya al Señor,
Canta Aleluya, canta Aleluya, Canta Aleluya al Señor.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Gospel: John 15:9-17 (English)

(French)

Comme le Père m'a aimé, moi aussi je vous ai aimés. Demeurez dans mon amour. Si vous gardez mes commandements, vous demeurerez dans mon amour, comme moi, j'ai gardé les commandements de mon Père, et je demeure dans son amour. Je vous ai dit cela pour que ma joie soit en vous, et que votre joie soit parfaite. Mon commandement, le voici: Aimez-vous les uns les autres comme je vous ai aimés. Il n'y a pas de plus grand amour que de donner sa vie pour ceux qu'on aime. Vous êtes mes amis si vous faites ce que je vous commande. Je ne vous appelle plus serviteurs, car le serviteur ne sait pas ce que fait son maître ; je vous appelle mes amis, car tout ce que j'ai entendu de mon Père, je vous l'ai fait connaître. Ce n'est pas vous qui m'avez choisi, c'est moi qui vous ai choisis et établis, afin que vous alliez, que vous portiez du fruit, et que votre fruit demeure. Alors, tout ce que vous demanderez au Père en mon nom, il vous le donnera. Voici ce que je vous commande: c'est de vous aimer les uns les autres.

(Spanish)

Como el Padre me amó, yo también los he amado a ustedes; permanezcan en mi amor. Si guardan mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre, y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto, para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea completa. Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene mayor amor que el que da su vida por sus amigos. Ustedes son mis amigos, si hacen lo que yo les mando. No los llamo ya siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su amo; a ustedes los he llamado amigos, porque todo lo que he oído a mi Padre se los he dado a conocer. No me han elegido ustedes a mí, sino que yo los he elegido a ustedes, y los he destinado para que vayan y den fruto, y que su fruto permanezca; de modo que todo lo que pidan al Padre en mi nombre se los conceda. Lo que les mando es que se amen los unos a los otros.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Liturgy of Religious Profession

(All be seated)

Calling of Those To Be Professed

Formation Team: The Lord calls you by name and sustains you by the power and strength of his love. He makes known to you his Word and makes you more and more sensitive to his saving presence within you, in one another and in events. He asks you to live in communion with others, to be his Heart in this world.

[The Formation Team calls each one by name]

Probanists: Here I am, Lord. (In her own language)

Priest: What do you ask of God and of the Church?

Probanists: In response to God's love and trusting in God's fidelity, we ask to commit our lives to God forever in the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for its mission in the Church at the service of the world.

Priest: May God who has begun this work in you, bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Homily

Rita Crivelli rscj

Examination

(Congregation seated)

Priest: Through baptism you have already died to sin and have been consecrated to God in the Risen Christ. Do you desire to live this consecration more profoundly through perpetual profession?

Probanists: Yes, I do.

Priest: Do you desire to live your life as Jesus did, in surrender to God's will by the vow of obedience, in freedom from material possessions by the vow of poverty, and to give yourselves totally to God and to God's people, in love, by the vow of chastity?

Probanists: Yes, I do.

Priest: Do you desire to live in the midst of God's people a life of union and conformity with the Heart of Jesus according to the charism of the Society of the Sacred Heart?

Probanists: Yes, I do.

Priest: Do you desire to proclaim God's love, in the power of the Spirit, remembering always that your service of education is inseparable from the call to work for justice?

Probanists: Yes, I do.

Priest: Are you, as women of compassion, communion and reconciliation, willing to place your gifts at the service of the Church in faith and love?

Probanists: Yes, I am.

Priest: May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! To him be glory now and forever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us everything that is good. May the Lord strengthen these women, and make them steadfast in holiness to the glory of God.

Litany of the Saints (Cristóbal Fones sj / Spanish)

(All stand)

Señor, ten piedad
Cristo, ten piedad
Señor, ten piedad

**Señor, ten piedad
Cristo, ten piedad
Señor, ten piedad**

Santa María, Madre de Dios
San Miguel, mensajero del Señor
Santos Ángeles de Dios
Juan Bautista, profeta del Señor,
San José, esposo de María,
San Pedro y San Pablo, apóstoles de Dios,
San Andrés, San Juan y Santiago,
María Magdalena, primera anunciadora,
San Esteban, mártir de la fe,
San Ignacio, obispo de Antioquía,
San Lorenzo, servidor de los pobres,
Santa Inés, joven firme en el amor,
Santa Cecilia, mártir de la fe,
Santa Isabel, mujer que bendice,
San Agustín, pensador y pastor,
Santa Mónica, patrona de las madres,
Catalina de Siena, memoria de la Iglesia,
San Benito, padre de los monjes,
San Francisco, hermano de los pobres,
Clara de Asís, sencilla y arriesgada,
Santo Domingo, fiel predicador,
Santa Teresa, profunda en la oración,
Ignacio de Loyola, ardiente peregrino,
Francisco Javier, misionero de Oriente,
Magdalena Sofía, fiel al Espíritu,
Filipina Duchesne, incansable misionera,
Rosa de Lima, patrona de América,
Martín de Porres, humilde hasta la muerte,
Angela de Merici, amiga de las niñas,
Clementine Anuarite, mujer valerosa,
Isidore Bakanza, mártir de la fe,

ruega por nosotros

rueguen por nosotros

ruega por nosotros

Juan Pablo II, portador del evangelio,
Oscar Romero, defensor de los pobres,
San Juan XXIII, que abriste nuestra Iglesia,
Wu Wenyin, cristiano fervoroso,
ZhaoRong, que llevaste el evangelio,
Choi Yang-eop Thomas, fiel creyente,
Teresa de Calcuta servidora de los últimos,
Carlo Acutis, modelo de los jóvenes,
Todos los santos y santas de Dios

ruega por nosotros

rueguen por nosotros

Muéstrate propicio
De todo mal
De todo pecado
De la muerte eterna,
Por tu encarnación,
Por tu muerte y resurrección,
Por el don del Espíritu Santo,

líbranos, Señor

Nosotros, que somos pecadores
Jesús, Hijo de Dios vivo

te rogamos, óyenos

Oh Cristo, óyenos
Oh Cristo, escúchanos

**oh Cristo, óyenos
oh Cristo, escúchanos**

Priest: Loving God, grant the prayers of your people. Prepare the hearts of your servants for consecration to your service. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, purify them from all sin and set them on fire with your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Solemn Profession of Vows

(All be seated)

(Each one in her own language)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to the greater glory of the Heart of Jesus, in the presence of Mary, Mother of the Church, and of all of you who are here witnesses, I wishing to follow Jesus Christ more closely, promise to Almighty God obedience, poverty and chastity, and according to obedience to dedicate myself to the education of youth in the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus forever, in conformity with its Constitutions.

Trusting in the fidelity of God and in the love of my sisters, I make these perpetual vows before you, Barbara Dawson, our Superior General.

- *Done at the Trinità dei Monti, Rome, on June 18, 2022.*

Response of Barbara Dawson rscj, Superior General: With joy and with gratitude and in the name of all our sisters, I receive your consecration to Jesus Christ in the Society of the Sacred Heart. In the strength of his Spirit, together we will glorify his Heart.

Song after All Vows: Magnificat - Taizé

(Latin/ Korean/ Chinese)

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea.

내 영혼이 내 영혼이
Ne Young-ho-ni, Ne Young-ho-ni
주님을 찬양하며 기뻐합니다.
Ju-ni-mul Cha-nyang ham-yo ki-po Ham-mi-da.

내 영혼이 내 영혼이 주님을 찬양합니다.
Ne Young-ho-ni, Ne Young-ho-ni Ju-ni-mul Cha-nyang Ham-mi-da.

我的灵魂颂扬上主
Wo Di Ling Hun, Song Yang Shang Zhu,
衷心赞美我们的天主上主
Zhong Xin Zan Mei, Wo Men Di Tian Zhu Shang Zhu,
衷心赞美衷心赞美
Zhong Xin Zan Mei, Zhong Xin Zan Mei,
衷心赞美我们的上主
Zhong Xin Zan Mei, Wo Men Di Shang Zhu.

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea.

Solemn Blessing

(All stand)

Priest: Loving God, creator of the world and of all humankind, we honour you with praise and thanksgiving, for you chose a people from the stock of Abraham and Sarah, and consecrated them to yourself, calling them by name.

We thank you for revealing the knowledge of the truth through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

When he took his place at your right hand, he sent the Holy Spirit to call countless disciples to follow the evangelical counsels and to consecrate their lives to the glory of your name and the salvation of all people. There rose, from among your disciples, holy women, renowned for devotion and courage, justice and faith.

(All extend their right hand as a sign of blessing and say together in English)

All: Today it is right that your house should echo with a new song for these our sisters, because they have heard your voice and offered themselves to your holy service.

Lord, send the gift of your Holy Spirit upon your servants who have left all things for your sake. May their lives reveal the face of Christ your Son, so that all who see them may come to know that Jesus is always present in your Church.

Priest: We pray that in the freedom of their hearts they may free the hearts of others. In helping the afflicted, may they bring comfort to Christ suffering in his people; may they look upon the world and see it ruled by your loving wisdom. May the gift they make of themselves hasten the coming of your kingdom and make them one at last with your saints in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing and Presentation of Crosses and Rings

(All be seated)

Priest: Merciful and loving God, bless these crosses. May the meaning of the sign permeate the lives of those who wear them, for the mystery of the cross is the mystery of your love for all people. May the cross be, for all of us, a source of new life and hope.

Bless these rings that they may be for them a reminder of your fidelity.

Superior General: Receive this cross, symbol of the tender and faithful love of God for you.

Superior General: Receive this ring, symbol of the love that unites you to Jesus Christ, sign of your desire to live in union and conformity with his Heart.

Sign of Peace

Song: Love Changes Everything

Love, love changes everything, hands and faces, earth and sky
Love, love changes everything, how you live and how you die
Love, can make the summer fly, or a night seem like a lifetime
Yes love, love changes everything, now I tremble at your name
Nothing in the world will ever be the same

Love, love changes everything, days are longer, words mean more
Love, love changes everything, pain is deeper, than before
Love, will turn your world around, and that world will last forever
Yes, love, love changes everything, brings you glory, brings you shame
Nothing in the world will ever be the same

Off into the world we go, planning futures, shaping years
Love bursts in and suddenly, all our wisdom disappears
Love, makes fools of everyone, all the rules we make are broken
Yes, love, love changes everyone, live or perish, in its flame
Love will never, never let you be the same
Love will never, never let you be the same

Prayer of the Faithful

R. Signore ascoltaci (Lord hear us)

1. For the Church (Indonesian)
2. For the newly professed (Italian)
3. For the Society of the Sacred Heart (French)
4. For Peace (Korean)
5. For Youth (French)
6. For our families of the newly professed (Spanish)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song: Prends Seigneur et Reçois (French)

Prends Seigneur et reçois, toute ma liberté
Ma mémoire, mon intelligence, toute ma volonté.

Et donne-moi, donne-moi, donne-moi seulement de t'aimer
Donne-moi, donne-moi, donne-moi seulement de t'aimer

Reçois tout ce que j'ai, tout ce que je possède.
C'est toi qui m'as tout donné, à toi Seigneur je le rends

Tout est à toi, disposes –en selon ton entière volonté.
Et donne-moi ta grâce, elle seule me suffit

Priest: Pray, sisters and brothers that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good, and the good of all His holy Church.

Priest: In your goodness, Lord, accept the gifts and desires of these sisters as they profess their final vows, and confirm them in your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

(All stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Sanctus: Mosantu e Nkumu (Lingala)

Réf 1: Mosantu e e e, Mosantu e Nkumu (x2)

Likolo nse bitondi e na nkembo ya yo e (x2)

Yo nde Nzambe mpe Nkolo wa molongo mobimba(x2)

Nkembo na yo nde oyeyi e o nkombo ya Nkumu (x2)

Réf 2: Ozana e e e , ozana e Nkumu

Priest: The mystery of Faith.

All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

Communion Rite

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Song: Lamb of God (Korean)

하느님의 어린양, 세상의 죄를 없애시는 주님,
Haneny-me orinyang, sesang e juerl ubsesinen Junim,
자비를 베푸소서. (x2)
Jabirl bepusosaw. (x2)

하느님의 어린양, 세상의 죄를 없애시는 주님,
Haneny-me orinyang, sesang e juerl ubsesinen Junim.
평화를 주소서. / 평화를 주소서.
Pyonghwarl joososaw. / Pyonghwarl joososaw.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb:

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Songs

One bread one body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.

You are Mine

I will come to you in the silence / I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice / I claim you as My choice / Be still, and know I am
near

I am hope for all who are hopeless / I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light / Come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you / I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me / I will bring you home / I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing / Healing for the ones who dwell in shame

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free / And all will know My name

I am the Word that leads all to freedom / I am the peace the world cannot give

I will call your name, embracing all your pain / Stand up, now, walk, and live

Prayer after Communion

Priest: May the Eucharist we have celebrated constantly remind us of the joy of serving you and may this sacrament strengthen us to be faithful to You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving

Dear sisters, beloved families and friends,

We know there are no words that can express our enormous gratitude at this moment, yet we would like to give thanks for all that has been and for all that will be. Above all, we thank God for calling each one of us to live as Religious of the Sacred Heart and for the Holy Spirit that helps us to be rooted and grounded in His love.

We give thanks for the Society's foundress, Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat: a woman of hope and companion on the road who has allowed us to walk in her footsteps.

Our probation was very affected by the Covid pandemic and we have lived with many uncertainties. So in a special way we would like to thank the General Council, the probation team, our Provincials and District Superior and the Provinces of BFN and Italy. The whole Society has given their best to bring this probation to birth: thank you. We thank all our communities in Italy and France who welcomed us with open hearts and also the provinces

of USC and Japan, where some of us had our international experiences. Truly, in the Society, we have trust and confidence.

Our probation began with the invitation: “Do whatever He tells You,” from Mary’s words at the wedding feast at Cana. Now, after 5 months, we can say that the water has been transformed into wine. We thank most especially Clara and Christine, our faithful companions in the probation. Thank you for your attentive listening to the Spirit and your courage; for your hard work on our behalf, full of love, passion and compassion and for all you have borne to enable this probation to become a reality.

We also give thanks to all our formators, presenters, companions, priests from the Marist community and the Sisters who lovingly hosted us in their community. To our RSCJ sisters in Joigny who accompanied us with their prayers during our long retreat, we give special thanks to each one of you.

We thank each one who contributed to making today’s celebration so beautiful:

Fr. Douglas, Fr. Paul de la Moriniere, Sr. Barbara and the General Council, all who participated in the liturgy and for all who helped in the preparations. We thank especially the Community of Emmanuel at the Trinita dei Monti and the Institute of the Sacred Heart for opening their home to us today. Each one of your contributions has added to the creation of ‘good wine’ – please enjoy the wine you have produced!

We know many RSCJs from our provinces and district are joining us via Zoom. From the depths of our hearts we thank all our sisters, our formators during initial formation and our spiritual directors. We also thank our families who have been accompanying us along the way. Thank you for your humble prayers offered for your beloved daughters.

Finally, we thank all of you for being here with us to celebrate. Today, you can see new wine before you. We rejoice and sing out the joy of this transformation and of our commitment. As we are sent on mission to bring joy to others, we humbly ask your prayers, so that we may walk forward on

this life-long journey, faithfully and joyfully, as Sophie pray for us. May God bless each one of you.

Thank you very much, merci beaucoup, muchas gracias, kamsahamnida, Xie-xie, matondi, arigatou gozaimashita, terimakasih... and we will express our gratitude with a song.

Thanksgiving Song: Merci Sophie

Refrain 1:

**Femme de Prière, femme d'Esperance, femme de Confiance,
Madeleine Sophie Barat (x2)**

1. O mokolo moye monene, esik'oyo ozali, sambelela po ya biso po tè tokoba mosal'oyo obandaki.

Femme.....

2. En este gran día, donde estás presente, ruega por nosotras, que sigamos tu misión

**Mujer de Oración, Mujer de Esperanza, mujer de Confianza Magdalena
Sofía Barat**

3. On this great day, where you are so present, pray for us, so we continue your work

**Woman of Prayer, woman of Hope, woman of Trust, Madeleine Sophie
Barat**

4. La probation unique te chante, la probation migrante te vénère, merci notre amie fidèle, pour ce rêve devenu réalité.

Refrain 2:

**Merci Sophie, merci Barat, pour l'amour du Sacré- Cœur, testament de
notre humanité (x2)**

5. Femme passionnée de la prière, et l'éducation de la jeunesse, ta vie nous donne le courage, de servir en toute humilité.

**Gracias Sofia, gracias Barat, la pasión por educar, testamento de
nuestra humanidad.**

6. Queremos hoy seguir tus pasos, haciendo un cuerpo todas juntas, vivir confiando en el amor, para mostrar el Corazón de Dios

**Thank you Sophie, thank you Barat, for the love of the Sacred Heart,
that you left as gift for us.**

7. We sing together as one Body, who wants to announce hope to the world, making alive the peace and justice, living the dreams that come from Jesus' Heart.

Merci...

Missioning of the Newly Professed and Concluding Rite

Barbara Dawson rscj

Priest: May our God of love strengthen you in the faith and constantly keep you in God's grace, so that you may faithfully live the gift of your vocation.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the Lord Jesus, whom you follow, enable you to live out the mystery of his death and resurrection in your life.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the fire of the Holy Spirit dwell in you and fill you with the love of God.

All: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless all of you who have taken part in this celebration.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go and proclaim the peace and joy that you have received.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: Artisans of Hope

Llamadas a ser un solo cuerpo
Embarcadas hacia la comunión
Renacer de lo profundo del silencio
A la escucha del latido de la vida en la creación.

Appelées à vivre des vies plus humaines,
Simples et habitées par ta voix
Dans ce monde brisé et béni,
Offrande de joie, renaissance du cœur.

**Breathing life into mission as one body
Jesus Christ leads our journey in trust and open ways
Offering who we are and all the gifts we have
Creating other pathways of responding all as one.**

**El Espíritu bendice este camino
Inspirando nuevas formas de construir nuestra misión
Convocando ser respuesta compartida
Artesanas de esperanza, compasión y libertad**

Appelées à atteindre de frontières,
Ouvertes à nous risquer plus loin,
Nous laisser transformer par le monde
Assoiffé de justice, d'amour et dignité

Let us care for the threatened small seed
Weaving webs of solidarity
Embracing new green shoots of hope emerging
A deep glance full of life, as we break our bread.

Construons la mission avec d'autres
Marchons sur le chemin de Jesus de Nazaret
Offrant ce que nous sommes et ce que nous avons
Recreando otros caminos de respuesta en comuni3n

El Espiritu bendice este camino
Inspirando nuevas formas de construir nuestra misi3n
Calling us to be a daring force of love
Being artisans of freedom
Sharing hope, meaning and life.
Et libert3, y libertad



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