

# **Ceremony of Perpetual Profession**



**Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** (All be seated)  
Formation Team

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

**ENTRANCE: Everyday God** *{Bernadette Farell}*

**Earth's creator (everyday God)**

Loving Maker (O Jesus)  
You who shaped us (O Spirit)  
Recreate us (come be with us)

**In your presence (everyday God)**

We are gathered (O Jesus)  
You have called us (O Spirit)  
To restore us (come be with us)

**Life of all lives (everyday God)**

Love of all loves (O Jesus)  
Hope of all hopes (O Spirit)  
Light of all lights (come be with us)

**In our dreaming (everyday God)**

In our daring (O Jesus)  
In our searching (O Spirit)  
In our sharing (come be with us)

**Way of freedom (everyday God)**

Star of morning (O Jesus)  
Timeless healer (O Spirit)  
Flame eternal (come be with us)

**Gentle father (everyday God)**

Faithful brother (O Jesus)  
Tender sister (O Spirit)  
Loving mother (come be with us)

**Our beginning (everyday God)**

Our unfolding (O Jesus)  
Our enduring (O Spirit)  
Journey's ending (come be with us)

**Alleluia (everyday God)**

Now and always (O Jesus)  
Alleluia (O Spirit)  
Through all ages (come be with us)

## **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

## **PENITENTIAL RITE**

## **KYRIE**

O Lord have mercy x4  
Jesus Christ have mercy x4  
O Lord have mercy x4

## **GLORIA**

### **Glory to God in the highest**

1. And on earth, peace to all  
Peace to all who are God's friends
2. God Almighty Father, heavenly King  
We praise you and we bless you
3. We adore you, we glorify you  
We give you thanks for your great glory
4. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord, Lamb of God, Jesus Christ
5. You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy, receive our prayers
6. You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
Have mercy, Lord Jesus Christ
7. You alone are holy, you alone are Lord  
You alone are the Most High
8. Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,  
Glory to the Spirit, now and ever more

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 1:4-10** *{Read in Spanish}*

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me,

“I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**Reader:** Palabra de Dios.

**All:** Te damos gracias Señor.

### **PSALM –Here I am Lord** {*Dan Schutte*}

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. ....*

### **SECOND READING - Colossians 3:12-17** {*Read in French*}

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Reader:** Parole du Seigneur...

**All:** Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

**ALLELUIA** (All stand)

Chante Alléluia au Seigneur  
Chante Alléluia au Seigneur  
Chante Alléluia, chante Alléluia  
Chante Alléluia au Seigneur.

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

**GOSPEL : JOHN 15:1-17**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are clean already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, as I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a branch -- and withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire and are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for whatever you please and you will get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and be my disciples. I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. My command to you is to love one another.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sing alleluia to the Lord-Sing alleluia to the Lord  
Sing alleluia to the Lord- Sing alleluia to the Lord  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,  
sing alleluia to the Lord

## **LITURGY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

*(All be seated)*

**Calling of those to be professed - Formation Team**

**HOMILY:**

**LITANY OF THE SAINTS** *(All stand) {Mary Finlayson, rscj and  
Hyo Seung Kim, rscj}*

**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, Sr. Claire Castaing RSCJ, our Superior General.

Done in the Villa Lante, Rome, on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026.



**Response of Claire Castaing 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.

*[Probanists sign the act of Profession on the altar]*

Ki-ri-su-to no {Japanese - Izumi Shiota}

**{May the Light of Christ reach every corner of our heart}**

1. Ki-ri-su-to no heiwa ga  
Wa-ta-shi-ta-chi no ko-ko-ro no  
Su-mi-zu-mi ni ma-de  
Iki-wa-ta-ri ma-su yo-ni
2. Ki-ri-su-to no hikari ga  
Wa-ta-shi-ta-chi no ko-ko-ro no  
Su-mi-zu-mi ni ma-de  
Iki-wa-ta-ri ma-su yo-ni
3. Ki-ri-su-to no chikara ga  
Wa-ta-shi-ta-chi no ko-ko-ro no  
Su-mi-zu-mi ni ma-de  
  
Iki-wa-ta-ri ma-su yo-ni  
Iki-wa-ta-ri ma-su yo-ni  
Iki-wa-ta-ri ma-su yo-ni

## **SOLEMN BLESSING**

*(All stand)*

**Priest:** Loving God, creator of the world and of all humankind, we honor 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: Magnificat {Taizé}**

Magnificat, Magnificat  
Magnificat anima mea Dominum  
Magnificat, Magnificat  
Magnificat anima mea

Magnificat, Magnificat  
Magnificat anima mea Dominum  
Magnificat, Magnificat  
Magnificat anima mea

### **Prayer of the faithful / Response**

1. For the Church {English}
2. For the world {Spanish}
3. For the Society of the Sacred Heart {French}
4. For the newly professed {Italian}
5. For all our families {Spanish}

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY**

**Yamba yamba Yawe e** {Lingala -Jude Chika Nnam}

Réf : **Yamba yamba yamba Yawe e Yawe e**

**Yamba Yamba Yawe e (x2)**

1.Yamba Yamba Yamba mampa na beto Yawe e  
Yamba Yamba Yawe e (x2)

**Yamba Yamba Yawe e**

2.Yamba yamba yamba Vino na beto Yawe e  
Yamba yamba Yawe e (x2)

**Yamba yamba Yawe e**

3.Yamba yamba yamba Kiese na beto Yawe e  
Yamba yamba Yawe e

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*(All stand)*

## **SANCTUS :Muhikirire Hosanna** {Runyoro-Rutooro B.Kasaija}

Muhikirire -hosanna  
Muhikirire -hosanna  
Muhikirire-hosanna haiguru hosanna

Iguru nensi-hosanna  
Bijwire -hosanna  
Ekitiinisa kyawe-hosanna  
Haiguru -hosanna

Hosanna,hosanna,hosanna x3  
Haiguru hosanna

Womugisa ugu-hosanna  
Alikwijja-hosanna  
Omwibara lyawe-hosanna haiguru hosanna

## **COMMUNION RITE**

### **DOXOLOGY {Hindi- Sr. Meenakshi OSU}**

Vandana ho, Pita prabhu ki  
Mahima ho, Putra prabhu ki  
Stuti kare, Pavitra atma ke  
Tritwa me prabhu ke jai jai kaar  
Dhoop archana, pushpa archana,  
Deep archana tujhe  
aa...aa...aa...

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

### **Our Father (Recite)**

**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.**

**LAMB OF GOD** {French -Bertrand Laguette}  
Agneau de Dieu qui prend nos péchés (x2)

1.Tu donnes joie au monde joie !  
*Tu donnes joie au monde.*

2.Tu donnes vie au monde vie !  
*Tu donnes vie au monde.*

3.Tu donnes paix au monde paix !  
*Tu donnes paix au monde.*

**COMMUNION : Tu es là, au cœur de nos vies** {French –  
Raymond Fau}

**{You are here, at the heart of our lives}**

*Tu es là au cœur de nos vies  
Et c'est toi qui nous fait vivre  
Tu es là au cœur de nos vies  
Bien vivant, ô Jésus-Christ*

1. Dans le secret de nos tendresses  
(Tu es là)  
Dans les matins de nos promesses  
(Tu es là)

2.Dans nos cœurs tout remplis d'orages  
(Tu es là)  
Dans tous les ciels de nos voyages  
(Tu es là)

3.En plein milieu de nos tempêtes  
(Tu es là)  
Dans la musique de nos fêtes  
(Tu es là)

**THANKSGIVING**

Chihiro Yamamoto, rscj

## **MISSIONING OF THE NEWLY PROFESSED AND CONCLUDING RITE**

Claire Castaing RSCJ

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

**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.**

**RECESSIONAL: Maisha yangu-My Life I offer to you O Lord**  
*{Swahili – Anastasia Muema}*

1. Maisha yangu (Yote), nakutolea  
(Wewe), Eeh Mungu Wangu  
(Bwana), Unipokee (Kwako) (X2)

Bwana maisha yangu mimi nampa  
Bwana maisha yangu yote nampa  
Bwana, Nilivyonyavyo vyote ni mali ya  
Bwana maisha yangu yote nampa  
Bwana X2

2. Ujana wangu (Mimi) ulio nipa  
(Wewe) Najitolea (Kwako) Kutumikia  
(Wewe) (X2)

3. Nimeamua (Mimi) na nyumba yangu  
(Yote) Kumtumikia (Wewe) Milele yote  
(Bwana) (X2)



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