

VIII. FOR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

The Masses on the day of first profession, on the day of perpetual profession, and on the day of the renewal of vows may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition those expressed in the plural form, may be used for individuals, with a necessary change to the singular.

1. FOR FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 40 (39): 8-9

Behold, I come, O Lord, that I may do your will.
O my God, I have vowed it,
and your law lies deep within me (E.T. alleluia).

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O Lord, who have inspired these our brothers (sisters)
with the resolve to follow Christ more closely,
grant them, we pray,
a blessed end to the journey they now begin,
so that they may be found worthy to offer you
a perfect gift of loving service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations and prayers we offer you
as we celebrate the beginnings of religious profession,
and grant that the first fruits of your servants
may be transformed by your grace into a plentiful harvest.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface (pp. 1210-1212).

Communion Antiphon

Mk 3: 35

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received
fill us with joy, O Lord,
and grant that by their power
these your servants may faithfully fulfill
the duties of the religious life they have begun
and may offer you willing service.
Through Christ our Lord.