

INDUCTION RITES (COMI)

I. Commentator: Good morning dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are gathered here today for the Induction of Young Juniors, Juniors, Aspirants, Full-Pledged Members or the Associates and the installation of Officers of Children of Mary Immaculate Association. Let us now sing Come Holy Spirit.

II. Blessing of Medals (these includes the Medals for Associates, Aspirants and Juniors)

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth

Priest: Lord, hear my prayer

All: And let my cry come unto you

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us pray... O God who from all eternity has chosen Virgin Mary and preserved Her from all sin to be the Mother of Your only Son, the Savior of the world deign to bless and sanctify these medals, so that your servants wearing them with religious respect as mark of their filial piety for their tender Mother, and animated in their sight, may venerate with great devotion the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and obtain her powerful intercession with You: through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

III. INDUCTION RITES OF YOUNG JUNIORS OF OUR LADY

IV. INDUCTION RITES OF THE JUNIORS OF OUR LADY

V. INDUCTION RITES OF THE ASPIRANTS OF OUR LADY

VI. RECEPTION OF THE ASSOCIATES OF OUR LADY

A. Roll Call

Commentator: Father, may I present to you the following who seek admission as Associates of Our Lady.

Priest: Let their names be read.

As the names of those to be received as Associates of Our Lady are called, they step forward answering “To Jesus through Mary!” and advance to kneel at the sanctuary rail.

B. Interrogation

Priest: Dear candidates, what do you wish?

Candidates: We wish to be Children of Mary Immaculate.

Priest: Are you not so already by your Baptism?

Candidates: So we are, Father, but now we do wish to give ourselves to the Blessed Virgin by a personal, voluntary and deliberate consecration.

Priest: Have you seriously pondered on the Pledge you wish to take?

Candidates: Yes, Father, we did think of it.

Priest: To what does this pledge bind you?

Candidates: To lead a full Christian life with Mary and like Mary; to imitate her virtues; and to dedicate ourselves as she did to the apostolate.

Priest: Do you promise to strive to acquire the virtues which should characterize the Children of Mary Immaculate: purity, humility, obedience, and charity?

Candidates: Yes, Father, we do promise, with all our heart.

Priest: Dear Candidate, considering the ardent desire and good dispositions you manifest, we joyfully receive you into the Association. To render your pledge more sacred and more solemn, make in the presence of your companions, your act of consecration to Mary Immaculate.

C. Associates' Act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate

(Candidates will place their right hand near their heart while holding their lighted candle on the left hand)

O Mary conceived without sin, Immaculate Virgin, I, (**state your name**), Come to consecrate now and forever myself to you.

I am your child already from the day of my baptism since Jesus dying on the Cross, you said you are our Mother.

On the day of my First Holy Communion, again I gave myself to you, watch over me telling you my desire to be yours forever.

But today I wish to give myself to you more fully, more deliberately, still more definitively for I have understood that you are the way that leads to Jesus. I beseech you to take me by the hand and help me get closer to Him every day of my life.

Virgin Immaculate, I solemnly consecrate myself to you this day, I give you thanks for receiving me, and for giving me the joy to belong to you without reserve. I promise to imitate you, especially by the practice of these virtues of yours: purity, humility, obedience, charity.

I also promise to work as far as I can for the salvation of souls.

To you I consecrate my body, my mind, my will, my heart. Be my Queen, come and dwell with me, be my counsel, my light, my strength, my joy, and the path leading me to Jesus your Son. Amen!

D. Distribution of the Insignia

The priest now gives the insignia to each one.

Associates: **(kneel one by one...)**

Priest: (offers the Medal to be kissed and invests each one with it.)

Priest: (When medals are already worn by the Associates)

“I receive you as Associates in the great family of Mary Immaculate”.

Associates: **Amen.**

Commentator: Let us sing the Hymn of Children of Mary Immaculate.

Associates: **Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, pray for us.**

Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

VI. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND LEADERS