



COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Installation of a New Member

President:

As the people of God, we are called to a profound love of God and love of our neighbor. Gathered here in God's name, we testify to our common desire to be faithful in assisting one another to carry out this commandment.

Today, with joy and gratitude we join together to welcome and commission our new member. After prayer, formation and discernment, _____ (Name) _____ has been proposed for membership into the _____ (Name) _____ Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our Conference has reached a prayerful decision to invite _____ (Name) _____ to share our mission in the service of those who are poor.

As a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will witness to your love for God and your concern for God's poor. We now ask you to commit yourself to the mission that God, in His Providence has given to you.

I ask you:

Will you strive to affirm the dignity of each person by compassionate service to all those who are poor and suffering

New Member: **Yes, I will.**

President: **Will you strive to grow in holiness?**

New Member: **Yes, I will.**

President: **Will you strive to attend meetings and to grow in friendship?**

New Member: **Yes, I will.**

President: Will you strive to always promote the Mission and Values of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

New Member: Yes, I will.

President: In accepting the call to serve those who are suffering as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, do you promise to fulfill the obligations of that ministry to best of your ability?

New Member: With God's help and with the help of those with whom I serve, I do promise to fulfill these obligations to the best of my ability.

President: I do believe and trust that you will use your God-given gifts for the good of all who are touched by the healing mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

And now I ask all of us here present: Will you support our new member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by your loyalty, your support and your prayers?

All: We promise to support and pray for (Name) as we together carry out the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We ask God to bless your ministry with vision, strength and peace.

President: I ask all of us now to extend our hands in blessing as we commission him/her as a member of the Society by praying together:

Father, you have called (Name) to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and comfort the afflicted in the spirit St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Sister Rosalie Rendu, as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We pray your blessing on (Name) , and on each one of us so that together we may:

- grow in holiness,
- deepen our spirit of friendship with each other, and
- serve the poor in charity and justice, love and compassion. Amen