

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

For private use when it is not possible to attend the Chrism Mass

Bishop / Priest / Deacon: Heavenly Father: at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to your service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I now wish to dedicate myself afresh to his service, as a steward of your mysteries and a minister of your grace.

At my ordination I accepted the yoke of Christ for love of him and his Church. I renew my resolve to unite myself more closely to Christ and to become more like him, joyfully sacrificing my own pleasures and ambitions to bring his peace and love to my brothers and sisters.

With the example of the Lord who washed his disciples' feet, I will be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and the lost.

I will fashion my life according to the pattern of Christ, that I may be a true pastor, by word and example, to the people among whom I serve.

I will work in partnership with all whom the Lord has given me, and encourage all the baptized to grow as the royal priesthood of the new covenant.

I will be a faithful minister of your mysteries by leading the worship of your people with devotion and care and by teaching the Christian faith with conviction and joy.

I will continue in the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of your Church, whose grace is sufficient to meet my need.

[Bishop: I will be faithful to the promise I made at my consecration to uphold the truth of the gospel.

I will promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially in this diocese, and be diligent in prayer and the reading of the holy Scriptures.

I will strive to become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so to be an authentic sign of Christ's loving presence among us.]

Bishop / Priest / Deacon: Almighty God, you have given me the will to undertake all these things: give me also the strength to perform them, that you may complete that work which you have begun in me; through Jesus Christ our Lord.