

# Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



## First Religious Profession of Vows of

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COVER:

**Jesus with a young seminarian, Peter Paul DiCresce (Br. Bonaventure, SCJ)**

Although the message seems straightforward, the image suggests what the words, “Come, follow me” involve. The boy looks up to Jesus, as he would to a hero or mentor. Jesus returns his gaze. The traditional image of Jesus’ heart with cross, crown of thorns, and flames highlights the call to follow with a love passionate enough to be inclusive, strong enough to overcome obstacles, and faithful enough to endure the cross. By resting his right hand on the boy’s shoulder, Jesus affirms his vocation and awaits his response. Using both of his hands to clasp Jesus’ other hand, the boy willingly commits himself to this collaboration of love and service.

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## **Presider**

Very Rev. Edward Kilianski, SCJ  
Provincial Superior, United States Province, Priests of the Sacred Heart

## **Concelebrants**

Rev. Byron Haaland, SCJ (Novice Master), Rev. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ (Associate Novice Master),  
Fr. Quang Tran, SCJ (representative of the Vietnamese District)

## **Lectors**

Jacob Smith and Michael Wodarczyk

## **Acolytes**

Frater Kodjovi Hubert Liassidji, SCJ and Jonathan Nguyen

## **Gift Bearers**

Novices

## **Cantors**

Celsus Robert and Jacob Smith

## **Organist and Pianist**

Fr. Vien Nguyen, SCJ

**Gathering Hymn: Here I am Lord** (cantor only)

**Penitential Act** (recited)

**Gloria** (recited)

## **Liturgy of the Word**

Soleminty of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The  
Word of God

**First Reading:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,  
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.  
Then another sign appeared in the sky;  
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,  
and on its heads were seven diadems.  
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky  
and hurled them down to the earth.  
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,  
to devour her child when she gave birth.  
She gave birth to a son, a male child,  
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.  
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.  
The woman herself fled into the desert  
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
"Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed One."

**Psalm Refrain:** Psalm 45 (cantor only)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

**Alleluia** (cantor only)



## **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

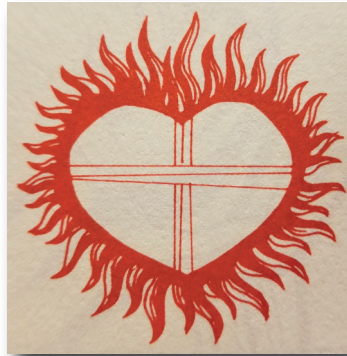
Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months  
and then returned to her home.



## **Rite of First Profession**

### **The Calling Forth**

### **Request for Admission**

### **Homily**

### **Examination of the Novices**

### **Prayer for God's Grace**

### **Profession of Vows:**

**Thien, Thuan, Hung and Truc:** In the presence of the witnesses gathered here today, and before you, Father Kilianski, I (your name), vow for one year chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For the glory of God and to follow Christ more closely in my entire life, I make these vows with a firm desire to dedicate myself more intimately to God as an offering consecrated to his love. I give myself to this religious family with all my heart. With the grace of the Holy Spirit and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I desire to seek perfect charity in service of God and the church.

**Fr. Edward Kilianski:** By the authority entrusted to me, I accept your vows in the congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in the of the Church.

## **Presentation of the Profession Cross**

## **Presentation of the Rule of Life**

## **SCJ Prayer of Dedication**

*To be prayed by all professed members of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Fr. Edward Kilianski:** I invite the professed members of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to stand and join Thien, Thuan, Hung and Truc in our prayer of dedication.

**Professed SCJs:** Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are united to you by the Sacrament of Baptism, by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and by our life of oblation.

This union with you is continually nourished in the Eucharist. We come to you today to dedicate ourselves to you. This dedication will only confirm and strengthen a union which already exists. Our consecration today gives a new character to the voluntary gift of ourselves. While we are already yours by creation and redemption, we wish to be yours of gratitude and by free choice.

Grant us the grace to carry out in our lives this consecration which we make to you. May it be a visible witness to all as we live a more Christ-like life in your service and that of others. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Assembly**

*To be prayed by the entire assembly*

**Fr. Edward Kilianski:** I invite all present to stand and join us in prayer:

**All:** O God, help those inspired by your Spirit to promote and live as you wish all men and women to do. Bless their efforts in this difficult task. Permit all of us to join our lives, prayer and good works to the offering of Jesus in the Eucharist. Joined together in the love of the Spirit, we make this offering to you, loving God, through the heart of Jesus, your Son and our Brother. Amen.

## **Sign of Peace**

## **General Intercessions**





## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Gifts: Oblation** (cantor only)

*The following will be recited:*

**Holy, Holy**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Amen**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Meditation: The Summons** (cantor only)

**Prayer After Communion; Blessings and Dismissal**

**Recessional: Heart of Christ** (cantor only)



## *Words of Gratitude*

**H**ow wonderful this celebration is for us as the newly professed religious of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus! How can we fully express our gratitude to all of those who have been helping and supporting us our vocation journey?

First, we thank God for his call, a blessing falling upon us.

Second, we give thanks to the Very Reverend Edward Kilianski, SCJ, provincial superior of the U.S province. We also thank our families, relatives, and friends for their prayers, support, and encouragement. Thank those who taught us during the year of Novitiate, especially our novice master, Fr. Byron Haaland, SCJ, and his associate Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ. What a grace-filled year it has been for us because of you. Thanks for all the knowledge, wisdom, and guidance you gave us.

Finally, we also thank those who helped us to have a magnificent celebration today. We also thank our benefactors who have been supporting our journey in many ways. Thanks to those present today with us even though we are in hard times, and thanks to those who could not be physically present today, but are here in spirit.

May God bless each of you in your life's journey and be with you always.

*- Thien, Thuan, Hung and Truc*





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