

# The Service of Institution of a Junior Chapter and Admission of Members



*Prayer and Service for the spread of  
Christ's Kingdom since 1885*

### ***Concerning The Service of Institution of a Junior Chapter***

The Service of Institution of a Junior Chapter is used to formally establish a Junior chapter at a church. It includes the Presentation of the Charter to the clergy, who duly institutes the chapter in the parish, and the installation of the Directress. It is to be followed by the Service of Admission for Junior Members.

The Diocesan Assembly Directress or President, or her representative, should present the Charter to the clergy. If there is no Diocesan Assembly, or if the Charter is presented in a non-Episcopalian church, the Provincial Directress or President, or her representative, may present the Charter to the clergy.

In the absence of any Diocesan Assembly or Provincial representation, the Chapter President should present the Charter to the clergy. The newly installed Junior Directress will present the candidates at the Service of Admission.

The Service of Institution and Admission takes place at an appropriate time during the celebration of the Eucharist.

### ***Concerning The Service of Admission***

The Service of Admission is used to admit new members into The Order. It takes place after the candidates have completed the study and discernment period. At this time a new member receives her cross, which is blessed by the clergy, and promises to obey the two Rules of the Order, offer her aid to the clergy, wear her cross faithfully, and work for the purposes of The Order.

The new member's cross may be placed on a ribbon or chain so that it may be easily placed over her head when she receives her cross from the clergy or presenter. It may also be pinned on the left side of her chest. It is important to have the crosses ready to be blessed and presented to each new member. Once all new members have received their cross, they say together the new members prayer.

## The Service of Institution of a Junior Chapter

**CLERGY:** We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to institute the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter* in The Order of the Daughters of the King®, to receive and admit the members of the chapter and to install their Directress. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to perform and keep the vows and obligations of the Order and that the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter* and its members may work to the glory of God and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

The charter for the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter* of The Order of the Daughters of the King® will now be presented.

**PRESENTER:** It is my privilege to present to you the Charter of the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter* of The Order of the Daughters of the King®, so that you may formally institute this Chapter.

**CLERGY:** (*Facing the altar*) O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, bless this charter and the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter*, that all your servants who will make their promise of daily Prayer and Service may have the strength and courage to faithfully fulfill them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**CLERGY:** (*Facing the congregation.*) In accordance with the constitution of The Order of the Daughters of the King® and by my authority as clergy of the parish, I hereby declare the \_\_\_ *Junior Chapter* duly instituted in this parish. We are now ready to install the Directress and admit its members.

**CLERGY:** (*Addressing the Directress*)  
Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the new trust and responsibility of Directress of this Junior Chapter?

**DIRECTRESS:** I do with God's help.

**CLERGY:** (*Addressing the congregation*)

Will you who witness this new beginning, support and uphold her in this ministry?

**CONGREGATION:** We will.

**CLERGY:** May Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, so that He may accomplish the work He has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Service of Admission**

**JUNIOR DAUGHTER DIRECTRESS:** It is my privilege to present these candidates for Junior Membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

**CLERGY:** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, we ask you to bless these candidates who will make their promises of Prayer and Service. May they have strength and courage to faithfully fulfill them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Addressing the candidates:*

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism. Do you desire to become a Junior Member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

**CANDIDATES:** I do.

**CLERGY:** Do you promise to wear the cross faithfully, to observe a daily Rule of Prayer and Service, always praying for and working towards the spread of Christ's Kingdom and making an earnest effort to lead others nearer to Christ through His Church?

**CANDIDATES:** I do with God's help.

**CLERGY:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive you as Junior members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

*Addressing the congregation:*

**CLERGY:** Will you support *these young women* in *their* ministry of prayer and service?

**CONGREGATION:** We will.

*The Clergy then blesses the crosses.*

**CLERGY:** Bless, O Lord, these crosses, that they who wear them may always be your faithful and willing servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Each new member is presented her cross with the following words:*

“Accept and wear faithfully the Junior cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Take up your cross and follow me.”

**NEW MEMBERS:** Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near

to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**JUNIOR DAUGHTERS PRAYER, SAID BY MEMBERS AND DIRECTRESS:** God of Love,

God of Life, God of Holy Strength, guide us, that by our daily practice of Prayer and Service, we may draw others to Christ. Help us to reach up in hope, receive in spirit, respond in

faith, and reach out in love for all. We pray that Your Kingdom will come for all creation, all people living together in love and peace. For His Sake. *Amen.*

**CLERGY:** May your love, O Lord, help these girls live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**CLERGY:** The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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## The Junior Hymn of The Order: O Jesus, I Have Promised (Sung to the music of *The Church's One Foundation*)



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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