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.

If this is a new chapter, the Diocesan Assembly President or her representative should present the candidates to the clergy. In non-Episcopal churches or in unassembled dioceses the Province President or her representative may present the candidates.

If this is an established chapter, the Chapter President should present the candidates. The candidates should stand with the presenter.

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 words in italics indicate more than one new member being admitted into The Order. If only one new member is being admitted, change the italicized words to the singular form.

The Service of Admission

PRESIDER: It is my privilege to present ___ as candidates for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

CLERGY: We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to admit these women into The Order of the Daughters of the King®. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people.

Addressing the candidates:
CLERGY: 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 member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

CANDIDATES: I do.

CLERGY: Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ’s kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

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 and admit you as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Addressing the congregation:
CLERGY: Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?

CONGREGATION: We will.
The clergy blesses the crosses.
Clergy: Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. Amen.

Each new member is presented her cross with the following words: “Accept and wear faithfully the 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.

All Daughters of the King: O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Clergy: May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters 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.