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 takes place at an appropriate time during the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 follows.