Concerning The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter

The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter is used to formally establish a chapter at a church. It includes the Presentation of the Charter to the clergy who duly institutes the chapter in the parish. It is followed by the Service of Admission and may include the Installation of Officers.

The Diocesan Assembly President, or her representative, should present the Charter to the clergy. She should also present the candidates at the Service of Admission.

If there is no Diocesan Assembly, or if the Charter is presented in a non-Episcopal church, the Province President, or her representative, may present the Charter and candidates to the clergy.

The candidates should stand with the presenter.

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

The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter

CLERGY: We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to institute the ___ Chapter in The Order of the Daughters of the King®, and to receive and admit the members of the chapter. 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 ___ Chapter and its members may work to the glory of God and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. Will the Diocesan Assembly President, or her representative, please present the Charter?

PRESENTER: It is my privilege to present to you the Charter of the ___ Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® so that you may formally institute the chapter.

CLERGY: (Facing the altar) O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, bless and hallow this Charter of the ___ Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King®, that all your servants who shall take the vows of 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 ___ Chapter duly instituted in this parish. We are now ready to admit its members.

The Service of Admission follows.
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Prayer and Service for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom since 1885