

DEVOTIONAL RENEWAL OF VOWS DURING EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

15 AUGUST 2023

**DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ENTRY
OF BLESSED BASILE MOREAU INTO ETERNAL LIFE**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The introductory rites are as usual, including the Gloria for the Solemnity.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The texts of the Mass are taken from the readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.

The homily is given following the readings and should recall the importance and value of religious life, as related to the biblical readings. References to Blessed Basile Moreau's profession of religious vows on 15 August 1840 and the anniversary year of his entry into eternal life are encouraged.

The Profession of Faith may be omitted.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Following the homily, the presider or religious superior invites everyone to stand and join in prayer before renewing their vows. He may use these or similar words:

**My brothers,
as we recall the Profession of Religious Vows
by our Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, on this date,
and celebrating the 150th anniversary
of his entry into eternal life,
let us renew our own commitment
to live the evangelical counsels
by which we are committed
“to single-hearted intimacy with God,
to trusting dependence upon God,
and to willing surrender to God.**

**Great is the mystery and meaning
within these vows” (C 5:43).
With joy we walk on this road,
that leads to eternal life.
May the Lord help us to preserver
in this consecration and commitment.**

All pray in silence for a few moments.

COMMUNAL RENEWAL OF VOWS

Then the presider or superior says:

**My brothers,
together let us now renew our vows.**

All then recite the following formula (or some other similar formula):

**Eternal God, loving Father,
mindful of your call,
to share in the mission of Christ, your Son,
we affirm our commitment
to the apostolic religious life.
In the footsteps of our Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau,
we wish to continue living the gospel in this way,
and so we renew before you today
our vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience,
according to the Constitutions
of the Congregation of Holy Cross.
Believing in the presence of the Spirit in our lives,
we rely upon your grace to strengthen our resolve
to be ever faithful to this commitment.**

The presider or superior then adds:

**May God who began this good work in us
bring it to fulfilment.**

All respond:

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

The presider may then invite everyone to share a sign of peace, or it can be given at the usual time before communion.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Rite of Renewal of Vows out of Devotion concludes with the general intercessions. The following intercessions may be used.

INTRODUCTION

**Dear friends (brothers and sisters),
let us pray to God our Father for his Church,
for the peace and salvation of the world,
for our own community,
and especially for our brother(s)
who have (has) renewed their (his) vows today.**

INTENTIONS

**For the holy Church of God,
that today's celebration of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
may inspire all the faithful to set their hearts on the higher gifts,
so as to shine ever more brightly for Christ
as a beacon of salvation for the whole world:
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For the peace of the world,
that all followers of Jesus Christ
may be messengers and servants
of the peace that he alone can give us and our world:
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For the poor and the suffering,
that Christ's example may always inspire his disciples
to bring good news to the poor,
to care for the sick and comfort the afflicted:
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For the religious Family of Holy Cross,
as it celebrates the 150th anniversary
of Blessed Basile Moreau's entry into eternal life,
that it might find inspiration in his holiness,
consolation in his intercession,
and strength in his fidelity to the Cross:
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For vocations to the religious life and priesthood,
especially in the Family of Holy Cross,
that more young men and women
may respond to the needs of the Church
and extend the reign of Jesus Christ on earth
by consecrating their lives to God:
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For the canonization of Blessed Basile Moreau,
that the Church may glorify,
at the earliest opportunity,
the Founder of the Family of Holy Cross,
so that his trust in Divine Providence,
confidence in the Cross as our only hope,
and zeal for the apostolate,
may serve as examples for the Church Universal,
let us pray to the Lord.**

**For our beloved faithfully departed,
including members of the Family of Holy Cross,
that they may now rest in the peace of Christ
with Saint André Bessette, Blessed Basile Moreau,
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Lord God,
all holiness is from you.
In your goodness hear the prayers of your family,
and by the intercession of Blessed Mary,
whose Assumption into heaven we celebrate today,**

**pour forth your blessings in abundance
upon these (this) servant(s) of yours,
so that by your continual help
they (he) may fulfill the vows
your love inspired them (him) to renew.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The liturgy continues in the usual manner following the general intercessions. If the sign of peace was not given following the renewal of vows, it is exchanged in its normal place following the Lord's Prayer.

DEVOTIONAL RENEWAL OF VOWS DURING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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In the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, following the biblical reading and in replacement of the responsory, a homily may be given. It should recall the importance and value of religious life, as related to the reading. References to Blessed Basile Moreau's profession of religious vows on 15 August 1840 and the anniversary year of his entry into eternal life are encouraged.

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All respond:

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SIGN OF PEACE

The presider may then invite everyone to share a sign of peace, though it can be exchanged at the very end of the of the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours.

The canticle of Zachary or Mary then is sung as usual, followed by either the intercessions of the Hours or as found below. Following the intercessions, the liturgy is concluded in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer, closing prayer, final blessing, and dismissal.

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