



A RITE OF ADMISSION TO THE DEARMER SOCIETY

For aspirants to the Society of Catholic Priests

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Reverend father/mother, I present to you N, who desires to be admitted to the Dearmer Society.

The Officiant says to the candidate(s) to be admitted:

The Dearmer Society is open to ordinands in training who aspire to membership of the Society of Catholic Priests, and who are in sympathy with the way of life of the Society.

The Society of Catholic Priests is committed to supporting you in your vocation to be a Priest in the church of God. Members of the Society of Catholic Priests believe that the churches of the Anglican Communion are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, ordaining men and women to serve as deacons, priests and bishops in the church of God; believe in the real presence of the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist; use and practice the seven sacraments of the church; and undertake to keep the rule of life of the Society.

Do you aspire to membership of the Society of Catholic Priests?

Candidate(s) I do

Officiant Members of the Society seek to centre their lives on the real presence of Christ in his sacraments; to follow a corporate rule of life with integrity and humility; to give and receive hospitality after the example of Jesus; to seek the peace and unity of Christ's church, aspiring to live in full communion with all of the baptized; and to proclaim by word and example the gospel. Their life together is expressed in the hospitality of their meetings, the concelebration of the Eucharist, mutual pastoral care for each other, and regular prayer for the priestly work of all the brothers and sisters.

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Will you endeavour to do this?

Candidate(s) **I will, by the grace of the Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant says to each candidate

N, on behalf of the Society of Catholic Priests I admit you into the Dearmer Society, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Receive these tokens of your membership (*prayer card and badge*).

The Officiant may bless the newly admitted member(s).

The service continues with the Creed or another authorized affirmation of faith, and all members join in the Dearmer Society prayer at an appropriate part of the service.

The Dearmer Society Prayer

Father, we thank you that you have called us to your service.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit, form us, encourage us
and equip us to respond faithfully to your call.
Unite us in the bonds of peace and love,
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