

Rite of Affiliation  
to the Province of Saint Joseph of the Capuchin Order

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome: *The presider greets all in attendance.*

*At the end of his remarks, he asks all to rise for the*

Gathering Song

Sign of the Cross

Greetings:

**The grace, peace, and love of God be with you.**

*And also with you.*

Opening prayer:

**Let us pray.**

**God of goodness and love, you placed your Son Jesus at our service so that we might be free from sin, giving us a model of life lived out in answer to the needs of others.**

**Look with great love upon our (sister/brother), N., for the generous service (he/she) has offered our brotherhood for the upbuilding of the Church.**

**May your promise of even greater glory come to (him/her) in that new world, where you live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.***

*hymn.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading: *2 Corinthians 9: 6-15*

Homily.

## RITE OF AFFILIATION

Invitation to prayer:

**N., would you please come forward.**

**It is with great joy and gratitude to God that we acknowledge your dedicated service to our Capuchin fraternity and your true ministry with us.**

**As Christ recognized all who do the will of God as brother, sister, and mother to him, we recognize your special place within our Capuchin family.**

**Let us pray for N., and for the wider needs of the church and world.**

**Please rise.**

Intercessory Prayer:

**For N., that God may bless (him/her) for the witness of Christ's love and service (he/she) has shown among us.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For the family and friends of N., for the sacrifices they have made and for God's blessings upon them in their needs.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For all who minister with us in our Capuchin Ministries; for our growth in the Body of Christ.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For all our benefactors who sustain us in our lives and ministries.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For a greater response among the People of God to answer the cries of the needy and the poor.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For all who have died, especially family members and friends of N., and friars of our community; may they enjoy the rich rewards of God for their labors.**

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

Prayer of Blessing:

**I ask all of you to join me in prayer by extending your hands in blessing over N.:**

**Provident God, throughout history you answered the needs of your people by raising up outstanding women and men among your faithful people.**

**The life and ministry of your Son, Jesus, involved the dedicated following of his mother Mary, the apostles and disciples, Martha and Mary, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalen, and nameless others whose acts are praised in the scriptures.**

**We lift up to you today your servant N., who has labored so faithfully in our Capuchin community.**

**Shower your grace and blessing upon (him/her), as (he/she) so richly deserves.**

**Hear (him/her) in (his/her) needs. Give (him/her) good health,  
that (he/she) may continue to serve you. May (his/her) family and  
friends be blessed,  
as they too share in the goodness and holiness of (his/her) life.**

**All praise be yours, O loving God, for your actions and kindness  
shown to us in the life of N.**

**May your name be praised for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

Presentation of the Document of Affiliation:

**N., in the name of our Capuchin community,  
I am proud to recognize you as a special member—an affiliate—of  
our Capuchin Province.**

**For your extraordinary dedication and service  
to our Capuchin life and ministry,  
I present you with this document of affiliation.**

Acknowledgment by the Assembly:

(Would you please show your appreciation and congratulations!)

*(Applause)*

Announcements.

Blessing and Dismissal:

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

**Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.**

**May our merciful God bless us**

**And make us always aware of God's boundless love. *Amen.***

**May God strengthen our faith with proofs of love, so that we will persevere in good works. *Amen.***

**May God direct our steps and show us how to walk in charity and peace.**

*Amen.*

**May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*Amen.*

**Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn.