Rite of Enrollment

Before you begin

Any baptized Christian who accepts the Guild's rule may enroll. If you are Catholic, we encourage you to go to confession and receive Holy Communion as you prepare. If you belong to another Christian tradition, prepare according to the practices of your own church.

If you wish, you may also ask a priest to bless your scapular or medal.

Find a quiet place. Kneel if you are able.

The Rite

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

The promise

Lord Jesus Christ, I ask to be received into the Benedictine Guild. By thy grace I promise to examine my conscience each night, so that I may be ready to meet thee without fear. I promise to pray each night the Our Father and the Hail Mary three times and the Apostles' Creed once, for the Church. I will honor the Rule of our holy Father Saint Benedict. I will pray for my brothers and sisters in this Guild, the living and the dead. I make this promise freely.

Taking up the scapular or medal

If you have a scapular or medal, put it on now. Whether or not you have one, say:

I take up the sweet yoke of Christ, and his burden which is light. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in me, from thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Let us pray

Be present, most sweet Lord God, to my prayer. Grant that I, whom thou hast joined to this holy fellowship, may be strengthened with lasting firmness, so that with steady purpose I may serve thee in all holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

After the rite

After praying the rite, return to the Enroll page to submit your request. Your name will be written in our register on the next Sunday after we receive your request. Your letter of admission will follow by email.

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