

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT IN THE THIRD ORDER OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Name _____

Complete Baptismal Name _____

Confirmation Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ e-mail _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____ Tel. _____

Sex: Male / Female **Marital Status:** Married / Single / Separated / Religious (Please circle one)

Have you ever belonged to another Third Order? Yes / No **Are you now a member of another Third Order?** Yes / No

If so, which Order? _____

Do you belong to a traditional Catholic Mass centre and/or parish? Yes / No

Name of church or parish _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Priest or Coordinator _____

Signature of priest, Approval of nearest priest of the SSPX

Date

_____ I understand that I must attend only the Latin Tridentine Mass and must never attend the Novus Ordo Mass!

_____ I understand that there is a Postulancy of one year before I make my commitment to the Third Order of the Society of St. Pius X.

_____ I enclose a copy of my Baptismal Certificate.

_____ I have carefully read the Rule of the Third Order of the Society of St. Pius X and I understand it and intend to be faithful to it in every sense of the word!

The religious name I wish to take is _____

Signature of applicant

Date

RULE OF THE THIRD ORDER OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Purpose of the Establishment of the Third Order

The Sanctification of the individual and of those for whom members of the Third Order are responsible.

Patron of the Third Order: St. Pius X

Sanctity today must be attained in a world which opposes it by errors and subtle heresies, introduced into all Catholic milieux under the name of Modernism.

Pope St. Pius X was canonized for courageously denouncing Modernist errors and showing an example of sanctity in the solidity of doctrine, the purity of morality and devotion to the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

This holy Pope is therefore clearly the model for souls who wish to sanctify themselves in our day.

Relationship of the Third Order to the Priestly Society of St. Pius X

The Third Order has been established by the Society and therefore the chaplains of the Third Order are designated by the District Superior and approved by the Superior General.

Members of the Third Order share in the graces of the Society gained by its priests and merits of its members.

Members of the Third Order

All Catholics, priests or lay, who accept the spirit and the Rule of the Third Order, are eligible for membership. Children can be enrolled, with permission of their parents; the minimum age being twelve years.

Emblems: The medal of St. Pius X and the Cross, given at the time of commitment in the Third Order.

The Spirit of the Third Order

The spirit of the Third Order is that which animates the Priestly Society, i.e., the spirit of the Church, its living faith, manifested in all of her Tradition, in her infallible Magisterium, expressed and explained in the Catechism of the Council of Trent, in the Vulgate Bible, in the teachings of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, and in the immemorial liturgy.

The spirit of attachment to the Roman Church, to the Popes, and to the Bishops, and a spirit of obedience to the authorities of the Church according to their fidelity to their offices, which is nothing else than to spread the Catholic faith and the Kingdom of Our Lord.

The spirit of vigilance in regard to anything which might corrupt the Faith.

Tender and filial devotion toward the Virgin Mary – according to the spirit of Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort – to St. Joseph and to St. Pius X.

To rediscover the capital importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and its mysteries, to find there the meaning and source of Christian life, a life of sacrifice and co-redemption.

Steps in Membership

1. Enrollment: A request is sent to the priest in charge of the Third Order or to the District Superior. The priest in reply sends an information sheet to be filled out. Then, if the request is granted, he sends a copy of the document for enrollment.
2. Postulancy of one year, in the course of which is tested the fidelity of the postulant in keeping his obligations and his adherence to the spirit of the Third Order.
3. Commitment: The postulant, in a ceremony, makes his commitment in the presence of the designated priest. He then receives the medal and crucifix and his card of membership in the Third Order.

Personal Obligations

Daily:

1. Morning and evening prayers, such as Prime and Compline or the prayers from the Retreat Book.
2. Recitation of the Rosary.
3. Attendance at the immemorial Mass, if possible – or a quarter hour of prayer.

Weekly:

Attendance at the immemorial Mass and not the *Novus Ordo Missæ*, because of the danger of acquiring a Protestant spirit.

Every two weeks:

If possible, the Sacrament of Penance, or at least once a month.

Every two years: A retreat.

Recommended Reading, Fast and Abstinence, television, etc.

1. Recommended reading: the acts of St. Pius X, the Catechism of the Council of Trent, the New Testament, the Imitation of Christ, the lives of the saints. Try to spread good reading material.
2. Fasting on: a) Ember Days; b) the vigils of Pentecost, All Saints Day (October 31), and Christmas (December 24); c) Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. Society priests also keep all Fridays in Lent and the vigil of the Immaculate Conception (December 7) [the day preceding the renewal of their commitment].
3. Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays. (Abstinence is also recommended on all the Fast days above).
4. Abstain from watching television, from all indecent reading; mortify one's use of the Internet and all electronic media; practice sobriety.

Obligations of the Married

1. To observe, in a spirit of submission to Our Lord, the laws of marriage toward the goal of having a large family. To renounce absolutely all positive action toward the goal of not having children.
2. To make of the family home a sanctuary consecrated to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary where evening prayers are recited in the family and, if possible, the Rosary. To make the family home a place where Catholic liturgical life reigns through the sanctification of Sundays and Feast days. Avoid everything that could harm the souls of children, e.g.: (television, indecent magazines, free and unrestricted access to the internet, etc.).
3. To choose truly good and traditional schools and to contribute to their establishment.
4. To be prudent in the choice of leisure activities and of vacation spots.

Professional and social duties

1. To follow the example of the Holy Family and to pursue the duties of justice and charity, whether one be employer or employee.
2. To promote and defend the Social Reign of Our Lord Jesus Christ in society, to combat Liberalism and Modernism, scourges of modern times which are delivering the Church to her enemies.

Organization

The priest in charge of the Third Order in the District receives enrollments, names his assistants, and calls meetings of his council and general meetings to encourage members to remain active and vigilant in the work of their sanctification and that of others.

He will set up libraries with a librarian charged with lending books to postulants and to members.

He will publish a bulletin keeping tertiaries in touch with one another, sharing addresses, information; hours of meetings, religious ceremonies, days of recollection, pilgrimages, ordinations, religious professions, etc..

At meetings a collection will be taken up for the needs of the Third Order. A treasurer in charge will keep the accounts and will report them at meetings of the Council. The Council of the Third Order will decide how to use the resources at its disposal; internal expenses, help to a seminary, a school, the sick, retreat work, etc..