

## **RITE OF FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

**Presider: Jennifer Cortez**

**Jennifer:** Here I am.

**Presider:** Jennifer, at this stage in your life, here in the presence of the sisters of the Congregation, in the presence of your family and friends, what do you ask of God and God's Church?

**Jennifer:** I ask for the grace to follow Jesus Wisdom in the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom.

***R/ Thanks be to God.***

**Presider:** Jennifer, by your baptism, you have already been consecrated to God, incorporated in the people of the covenant and sent as witness to the love of God. Do you want to deepen your consecration through your religious profession?

**Jennifer:** Yes, I do.

**Presider:** To follow Jesus Wisdom more closely, and in fidelity to the call of your baptism, do you want to live in obedience, poverty and chastity for the Kingdom of God?

**Jennifer:** Yes, I do.

**Presider:** May the Lord who began all good work in you see its completion.  
***R/ Amen.***

**Let us pray:** God our Father, look with kindness on Jennifer, your servant, who surrenders herself to you today. May her whole life be an answer to your love, through Your Son, Jesus Wisdom.

***R/ Amen.***

### **Profession of the Vows**

**Jennifer**

**With a heart full of joy, praise and gratitude, I come and kneel before you Lord. I thank you for the gift of my being and for the gift of my vocation. You have penetrated deep into my inmost being with your love and goodness. I thank you for your Divine presence in my life.**

**With the help of Mary and following the footsteps of our Founders St Louis Marie and Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus, before you Sister Linda Joseph, Provincial of Canada, delegate of Superior General, Sister Louise Madore and the witnesses here present, I Jennifer Aileen S. Cortez, make to God freely for one year the vows of obedience, poverty,**

and chastity according to the Rule of Life of the Daughters of Wisdom in order to follow Jesus Christ, Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, and to take part, as a member of the Congregation, in the mission of the Church.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inflame my heart, strengthen my faith, guide my path to Incarnate Wisdom and bestow His graces in all my future endeavors. May Mary Our Mother lead me always to her beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Sr. Linda: Jennifer, it is with great joy that, in the name of all the Sisters, I welcome you wholeheartedly as member of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom. You will share with us the responsibility of our apostolic religious life and you will be assured of our trust and support.

Commitment of Sisters

Sr. Linda: Jennifer has just made her vows in the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom. But she doesn't commit herself alone. We too are committed with her and want to assure her of our support, our prayer, our love.

Sisters: Christ Wisdom, today with Jennifer, we renew our commitment to follow you as Daughters of Wisdom. We will journey with her as sisters and companions in the Mission you give us. We assure her of our support, our trust, our prayer.

**Benediction of the Insignia of Profession**

**Presentation of the Insignia**

Sr. Linda: Jennifer, receive this cross. May it be the sign of the love of Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom for you and for humanity. May it also remind you to what kind of love you are called and the commitment you made today.

Jennifer: Amen.

**Presentation of the Rule of Life**

Sr Linda: Jenny, here is the Rule of Life of the Daughters of Wisdom. May it guide you on your path so that you may live the mystery of the love of Wisdom for your sisters and brothers.

Jennifer: Amen.

**Signing of Official Documents**

**Hymn: Celebrate God**