

*A Service of Admission of Members into the
Brotherhood of St. Andrew*

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PRESENTOR: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is named for Saint Andrew who, according to John's Gospel, after meeting Jesus, went to find his brother Simon, and said to him, "we have found the Messiah." Then he took Simon to Jesus.

Emulating the act of Andrew, the first Brothers Andrew reached out to men in rooming houses, giving them Bibles and inviting them to come to church to hear for themselves the witness of Scripture to God's love and His Son, Jesus. They brought people to be baptized and confirmed in the church. They brought them to Christ's Kingdom. They established mission churches. The Brotherhood grew, and became international in scope.

We know from the cumulative experiences of the past that there is no limit to this ministry. No limit as long as our ministry is one of extending the golden thread of God's love and sharing Jesus Christ with the world.

PRESENTOR: I recommend that you receive these candidates officially in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

INDUCTOR: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a ministry to men and youth dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom here on earth by means of regular prayer, study and personal service.

ALL: THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER is to *pray daily* for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

ALL: THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDY is to *study* the Holy Scriptures

regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom.

ALL: THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE is to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church.

INDUCTOR: Do you desire to become members in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?

ANSWER: I do.

INDUCTOR: Do you acknowledge and reaffirm the promise and vows made at your Baptism that pledged you to love and help your neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ until your life's end?

ANSWER: I do

INDUCTOR: Will you work faithfully to fulfill the objectives and disciplines of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?

ANSWER: I will, with God's help and the guidance of His Holy Spirit .

INDUCTOR: Almighty God, who has given you this will to do these things, grant you the strength and power to perform the three disciplines of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew faithfully. Lord grant these brothers the insight to recognize gifts for ministry you have provided to each and give them the direction of the Holy Spirit in accomplishing your Great Commission in the daily conduct of their lives. We pray that each of you, as a Brother Andrew, may accomplish His work which he has begun in you. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

INDUCTOR: I receive and admit each one of you into the fellowship of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Each of you has committed yourself to share all Brotherhood privileges and responsibilities. May God give you the grace to follow the example of Saint Andrew, whose name we bear, in bringing many to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

INDUCTOR: ___(name)___ Wear this emblem symbolizing the Cross of St. Andrew, and see to it that what you have promised with your lips, you perform in your daily life, to the glory of God.

MINISTER: Almighty God, bless these your servants who have signified their purpose to faithfully serve as members and officers of this Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Grant them in their ministry and vocation the power and courage to devotedly and truly serve in the extension of Your Kingdom here on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALL: Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Grant us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow Him without delay and bring those

we meet into His gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

MINISTER: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you His peace.

Amen.