

BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY'S SPECIAL MEDALS

It is recommended that this ceremony takes place after the Post-Communion Prayer, unless a Guild Enrolment Service is taking place at the same Mass.

A Silver Medal is awarded for 10 years of service as an enrolled member of the Guild.

A Silver Medal of Merit is awarded for 20 years of service.

A Gold Medal of Merit is awarded for 50 years of service.

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The celebrant introduces the rite in these of similar words:

It is customary to recognise loyal service by the presentation of awards.

Today we are here to bestow the Archconfraternity's Gold/Silver Medal (of Merit) on N. in recognition of x. years of regular serving.

The people are invited to pray:

My dear people, let us pray for N., that God may pour out his abundant blessings upon him/her and give him/her strength to continue in service at his altar.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Heavenly Father,

bless N. ✠ as we acknowledge his/her faithful service as a member of the Guild here at (Name of Church).

Grant that, continuing in this ministry,

he/she may grow in faith and love,

and by example always give glory to your name.

Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

GUILD PROMISE

The celebrant addresses all members of the Guild.

I now invite N. and all other servers present to renew the promise they made at their enrolment.

The servers say together:

I offer myself to God almighty,

to Blessed Mary our mother

and to our holy patron, Saint Stephen,

and I promise to do my best

to serve regularly with reverence and understanding,

for the glory of God, the service of his Church

and my own eternal salvation.

BLESSING OF THE MEDAL

With hands outstretched over the medals, the celebrant prays:

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation.

**You have made us in your image and likeness
and have placed us over all creation to use it for your glory.**

**We ask you to bless ✠ this medal,
which your server will wear as a sign of their loyal service.**

(The medal is sprinkled with holy water)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL

The recipient comes forward and kneels or stands before the celebrant, who says:

N. receive this Silver/Gold Medal (of Merit) in recognition of your loyal service at the altar of God. With the help of our patron, St. Stephen, continue to serve for the glory of God, the service of his Church and your own eternal salvation.

The recipient replies:

Amen.