



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY SHORT FORM – FOR INFORMAL USE

PERSONNEL NEEDED: Commander and Officer of the Day

ITEMS REQUIRED:

Head Table – large enough for 3 people to sit at

Altar in place and set up with Bible, One (1) Vigil or two (2) votive candles

Echelon and National Colors, already in place

St. Sebastian statue, if desired

Copy of this Ceremony for each Officer with a speaking part

INDUCTING OFFICER: Officer of the Day (*they exchange salutes*), present the applicant(s) for Induction.

(The OD conducts the applicants to the Altar and exchanges HAND SALUTE with Inducting Officer, then stands to the right of the applicants.)

OFFICER OF THE DAY: Commander, these applicant(s) are qualified for membership in the (*insert name*) Post of the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS and are seeking admission.

INDUCTING OFFICER: On behalf of CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, I welcome you. The CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, hold dear five principles: UNITY, JUSTICE, TRANQUILITY, WELFARE and LIBERTY. You no doubt recognize our principles as a part of the preamble to the Constitution of the United States. We wish to stimulate the spirit of Americanism.

INDUCTING OFFICER: Reverend Chaplain, lead us in prayer for Divine Guidance for the Welfare of the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, for the enlightenment of these new members, and that they may be one with us and our principles.

CHAPLAIN: "PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Come, Oh Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and our hearts shall be regenerated, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray...

Oh, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the same Holy Spirit, a love and relish for what is right and just, and the constant enjoyment of His consolations, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INDUCTING OFFICER: *(Commander addresses the applicant(s).)*

Are you ready and willing to obligate yourselves to the laws and pledges expressed in the oath of the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS?

APPLICANT(S): I am.

INDUCTING OFFICER: *(Three (3) raps of the gavel.)* The members present will stand at ATTENTION while the applicant(s) take the oath.

Commander raises his or her right hand and addresses the applicant(s)

Applicant(s), raise your right hand(s). You will repeat after me the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Oath:

**On my honor ** as a Catholic Citizen and Armed Forces Veteran,
** I promise, without reservation ** to uphold the Constitution of
the United States ** to obey its laws and defend its Flag **
against all its enemies whosoever.** That I will fulfill my
obligations as a Catholic* * and obey the laws of the Catholic
Church. ** That at no time will I introduce for membership ** any
who are not entitled thereto. ** That I will not at anytime,
through any word or deed, ** bring discredit to the organization.**

*(The Inducting Officer bids the assembly to be seated, and turning to
the new member(s), says:*

INDUCTING OFFICER: Note the setting of this room. The space
between the Commander's station and the altar represents **No Man's
Land** in memory of those who died there on the battle fields. No one
should cross that space during a meeting or ceremony.

INDUCTING OFFICER: (Comrades) (My fellow veterans), I welcome
you as members of the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS.

*(Steps out in front of the altar and introduces each new member to the
Post. The Officer of the Day places the new members among the
members of the Post.)*