

Like Francis – Mission to Rebuild the Church

Profession is Grace:

- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Commitment for Evangelical Life
- Action of the Church & of Christ
- Profession is a SALVATION EVENT - a **Kairos**.
- Visible in Fraternity
- Covenant with the brothers and the sisters
- Perpetual commitment with God (*Rule 2; Const 42,2*),

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Profession

In the liturgical action of the Profession - the **Holy Spirit is invoked**, just as He is invoked in the celebration of Eucharist

Profession assumes the significance of a **Pentecost**, an effective **epiphany of the Spirit who consecrates and transforms** those who pronounce the promise of evangelical life

A stronger relationship with the Church

*A Witness & Instrument of the church –
proclaiming Christ in our words and actions*

Consecration

The Profession

- Person puts him/herself in the hands of God - lets Him take over
- with the consequence that from the very moment of the Profession **this person no longer belong to him/herself**
- Becomes God's property, and therefore «**sacred**».
- We become part of God's Salvation Plan in the service of the Kingdom
- Living in the world and for the world.

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Effects of Profession

An obligation contracted directly with God

A commitment to observe a form of life, or
Rule;

Definitive incorporation into the Order.

Christ, book of life

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- **Following Christ & conform to Him**
- Implement **the commitment of Profession to observe the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by living all the demands of the Gospel** to the very end, including death
- Open ourselves to the promises proclaimed in the Gospel itself.

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bring witness to the fact that the sanctification of the world passes necessarily through the sanctification of man,

because this world can be transformed only by the spirit of the Beatitudes. (*LG 31*).