

The Form of Profession and Renewal
(as set out by IPTOC 2005)

1.1 *The Question:*

The Officiant says

Do you accept the Principles as the vision of Community for the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis?

The candidate replies

I do

1.2 *The Pledge*

I, N, give myself to our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve him for the rest of my life in company with my brothers and sisters in the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis, seeking to spread the knowledge and love of Christ, to promote the spirit of love and harmony as the family of God and to live joyfully a life of simplicity and humble service after the example of Saint Francis.

1.3 *The Personal Rule of Life*

When the Personal Rule of Life is received the candidate says

I, N, undertake by God's grace to keep for one year my Personal Rule of Life (which I now place on the altar).

2. The Form of Renewal

2.1 *The Pledge*

I, N, renew my pledge to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in The Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis, according to the Principles of the Order, for the rest of my life; seeking to spread the knowledge and love of Christ, to promote the spirit of love and harmony as the family of God and to live joyfully a life of simplicity and humble service after the example of Saint Francis. I undertake by God's grace to keep for one year my Personal Rule of Life (which I now place on the altar).