

**OATH OF FIDELITY TO THE MAGISTERIUM  
OF  
THE HOLY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on assuming the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ promise that I shall always preserve communion with  
the Catholic Church whether in the words I speak or in the way I act.

With great care and fidelity I shall carry out the responsibilities (onera) by which I am bound in  
relation both to the Universal and to the particular church in which I am called to exercise my service  
according to the requirements of the law.

In carrying out my charge, which is committed to me in the name of the Church, I shall preserve  
the Deposit of Faith in its entirety, hand it on faithfully and make it shine forth. As a result, whatsoever  
teachings are contrary, I shall shun.

I shall foster the common discipline of the whole Church and urge the observance of all  
ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of Canon Law.

With Christian obedience I shall associate myself with (prosequar) what is expressed by the holy  
shepherds as authentic doctors and teachers of the Faith or established by them as rulers of the Church.

And with diocesan bishops I shall gladly devote my energy so that apostolic activity, to be  
exercised by the mandate and in the name of the Church, is – with provision made for the character and  
goal of my institute - carried out in the communion of the Church.

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(Signature)

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(Date)