

I (print), _____, a Lay (or Ordained) Minister

Home address _____

Date of Birth _____

Your phone _____ Your e-mail _____

Parish name _____, Diocese _____

Parish address _____, Chapter Name _____

Parish phone _____, Parish e-mail _____

having served at least six months, affirm that I have read and understand the Objects and Rule of Life of the Order, and ask to be admitted into that Order and Rule. I solemnly promise Almighty God and the Council of Governors of the Order that I will faithfully keep the Rule and support the Objects (see below). I further promise to annually renew my vows and pay my dues as long as I shall remain an active member of the Order of Saint Vincent, and to notify the Chapter Chaplain and Warden should I desire to become inactive, thereby relinquishing my privileges of membership including not wearing the OSV medallion, pins, or patches of the Order thereafter.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name this _____ day of _____, AD 20_____.

The Rev'd _____ X _____

(Rector's/Vicar's witness and approval)

(Applying lay minister)

Circle one or more of the following ministries as applicable:

Acolyte ----- Adult Chapter Leader ----- Lector/Lay Reader ----- Chalice Bearer (L.E.M. 1) ----- Lay Eucharistic Minister 2 -----
Usher ----- Verger ----- Chorister ----- Sacristan (Altar Guild) ----- Greeter ----- Sub Deacon ----- Clergy ----- Other-----

The Purpose of The Order of St. Vincent

- To emphasize a world-wide fellowship of lay ministers within the Catholic Communion of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church
- To encourage every lay minister at our Lord's altar to have a progressive rule of life based on the Sacraments
- To instill within each lay minister an interest in proper liturgics within their branch of the Church
- To encourage knowledge, understanding and preservation of traditional rituals
- To pray that all members will consider their service as Lay Minister to be a vocation

The Objects of The Order

- To promote holy living among its members
- To promote loyalty and full cooperation to clergy and lay leaders
- To encourage regular attendance at the Holy Eucharist, and more careful preparation for its reception
- To promote unity in Christ and friendship and brotherhood among lay ministers
- To teach the complete Sacramental Faith as taught in the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and to promote the practice of the same

The Rule of The Order of St. Vincent

- To pray each morning and each night
- To be faithful in the reading and study of Holy Scripture
- To make due preparation before the service and to say the Order's prayer
- To attend Mass and receive Communion, if possible, every Sunday and Holy Day, and to be duly prepared through self-examination and confession
- To fully cooperate with, and support the clergy and other spiritual leaders
- To always speak reverently of Holy Things and when in Holy places
- To pray for the Order and all her members
- To pray for the unity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

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The Spirit and Motto of the Order:

Amori Christi et Ecclesiae
(For Love of God and Church)

Initial Application fee: \$20 (Not required for Jr. Members if Chapter provides medallions) plus Annual oblation

Annual Oblation: Adult Member - \$20* Junior Member (under 16 yrs) - \$5* Life Member - \$150** Clergy or supporting Member - \$20***
(*Includes bronze medallion --- **Includes gold alloy medallion --- ***Does not receive medallion)