



# Application for New Membership to

## The International Order of Saint Vincent

### *Amori Christi et Ecclesiae*



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 liturgies 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

### The Spirit and Motto of the Order:

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

Make check payable and send to

### The International Order of St. Vincent

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**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)