

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Director:

I now present to you my dear people of God the members of the *Unio Sanguis Christi* – the Union of the Blood of Christ.

Applause

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



CONGREGATION OF MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
ATLANTIC PROVINCE



Those enrolled in the Union become part of the religious family founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo, "Apostle of the Precious Blood."

After Homily

Calling of the Candidates

Director:

Will those who are prepared to be incorporated into the *Unio Sanguis Christi* - Union of the Blood of Christ, please come forward.

Candidates will be called by name.

Request of the Candidates

Candidates:

By the favour of God we have come to know the life of devotion in the *Unio Sanguis Christi* - Union of the Blood of Christ. Father Director, we now ask to be accepted into the Union, for the glory of God and our own sanctification.

Examination

Director:

In baptism you were washed and sanctified in the Blood of Christ. Do you now wish to follow more closely the Lamb of God, entering and forming part of the *Unio Sanguis Christi* - Union of the Blood of Christ, living in accordance with its statutes and the spirit of St. Gaspar, its zealous promoter?

Candidates: We do.

Promise of Fidelity

Candidates:

In your presence, Father Director, trusting in God who is ever faithful, and begging the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, and of St. Gaspar, we freely promise fidelity to the *Unio Sanguis Christi* - Union of the Blood of Christ, in accordance with its statutes.

Director:

As Regional Director of the *Unio Sanguis Christi*, I accept your promise of fidelity and I admit you to the Union. Through your faith in Christ, who has redeemed us through His precious blood, and through the communion of fellowship, may you, with God's help, remain a faithful member of the Union. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Candidates: Amen.

You have now been incorporated into the Unio Sanguis Christi - an association of the faithful motivated and nourished by the Blood of Christ to give a spirituality to lay people as they engage in various ministries and apostolates.

All Members of the USC:

As members of the *Unio Sanguis Christi* – Union of the Blood of Christ, in solidarity with the Blood of Christ and all that it stands for, we pledge our efforts to foster a culture of life, reconciliation and service, justice and peace in ourselves, in our families, in our parishes, and in society.

Through the intercession of St. Gaspar, St. Francis Xavier, St. Maria DeMattias, and Venerable John Merlini, may we continue our journey until all join the multitude before the throne of the Lamb singing in one voice: "You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your blood and made us a kingdom for our God, forever and ever, as we professed our faith.