

ADMA - INSTALLATION CEREMONY

(after Communion at Mass)

Call of Present Officers - *The ADMA Spiritual Animator invites out-going Officers (calling them by name and office) to approach the Sanctuary bearing a candle/vigil light. She/He thanks them for their service. The Officers remain standing before the Sanctuary, facing the Assembly.*

Call of Newly-Elected Officers - *The ADMA Spiritual Animator now invites the new Officers (calling them by name and office) to come to the Sanctuary and receive "the torch" from the out-going Officers.*

The new Officers receive the candle from the prior ones and take the candle to Mary. Briefly and silently they ask for her help.

They return to the center by the sanctuary where the out-going Officers are waiting for them. They exchange a mutual sign of gratitude for the past service of those completing their term and for the willingness to serve on the part of the new Officers.

Out-going Officers return to their places in church.

Prayer of Blessing

Priest: Lord, bless our new ADMA Officers. May they be messengers of your love, hope and peace! Guide their steps with your wisdom and grace and strengthen them in spirit so that they will be faithful to their new mission. Make their words the echo of Christ's voice, and their presence mirror Our Lady's. Fill their heart with the Holy Spirit, so that they may give faithful witness to You. Help them be zealous leaders after the heart of Don Bosco and Francis de Sales, encouraging and supporting their peers in their own fidelity, and in their efforts to spread devotion to Mary Help of Christians and to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to further the vast movement of the Salesian Family for the salvation of souls. We ask this through this same Jesus Christ our Lord and Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN.

Officers' Pledge *(Each new officer states his/her own name and then all continue together)*

I, _____, commit myself to loving and joyful service / as an ADMA Officer / in the Marian Association / which St. John Bosco himself founded.

I pledge to do our best / to continually deepen my relationship with God, / striving to be a faithful Christian witness / and supporting others in their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament / and their devotion to Mary, / Our Mother and Help.

I will work attentively to encourage others / to live the Salesian Spirit of St. John Bosco / and St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello / with my life and with my support / for the Salesian work in favor of the young.

(Individually:) I will participate regularly in the life ADMA and be faithful to the responsibilities of my office as _____.

(Together:) I will strive to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, / to maintain a joyful spirit, / and a to have a compassionate manner towards all / as I share and use the gifts God has given me / for the spreading of His Kingdom and the growth and mission of the Salesian Family.

Blessing [FATHER invites everyone to extend their hand toward the new Officers as he blesses them]

Priest: May God, who in Christ has shown us his truth and love, be with you as you follow the example of Mary as messengers of the Gospel and as witnesses to His divine love before all! May you lead with the heart of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello and be first in example to your peers of fidelity to the aims of the Association of Mary Help of Christians. May you be filled with Salesian charity, optimism, and joy. We ask this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Spirit forever and ever.

All: AMEN!