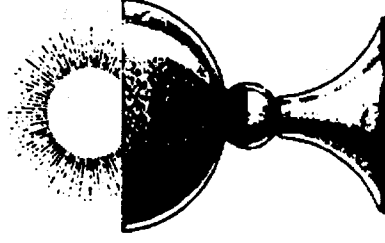


**INDUCTION CEREMONY
FOR
NEW MEMBERS
OF
THE CALIX SOCIETY**



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Note: Inductees are presented at any convenient Calix function. They stand before the Spiritual Director holding a candle. An officer presents the inductees.

Officer: Father Spiritual Director, we present these men/women as candidates for Calix. They have attended several of our meetings and are aware of the purposes of our apostolate. As far as we can observe we believe that they will be exemplary members. We ask that you receive them into the Calix Society.

Spiritual Director: My dear men/women, you have come today to make, before these Calix members, a solemn declaration to God and to yourselves. You are searching for help in overcoming an illness which has been the cause of much misery in your own life and in the lives of your loved ones. It has affected you adversely both materially and spiritually. You now want a good life.

Remember our Lord's advice, "Without Me you can do nothing." St. Paul put it in its positive form, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." God alone or you alone are powerless, but together you can achieve complete success. Today you can make God your constant co-worker and companion in life.

Very little is free in life. In spite of God's generosity, nothing comes cheaply in the spiritual life. Every bit of progress costs us something of ourselves. It is a price that you must expect to pay, especially in a

religion that began with a crucifixion and an injunction to take up a daily cross. But in Calix we are made constantly aware that all strength is available through our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Firmly committed to Him we have known more peace of mind than we have ever known before.

The lighted candle in your hand signifies your intention to make your actions, from this point on, a beacon light of goodness for others to see and imitate.

We pray that you will faithfully use the ministrations of the Church to grow in God's love and to express it in love and service of your fellowman.

You will now recite with me The Our Father.

The Spiritual Director questions and the candidates answer:

Do you freely ask for admission to the Calix Society?

I do.

Do you understand the nature, obligations, and purposes of Calix?

I do.

Do you promise, with the help of God, to be a faithful and active member of Calix?

I do.

It is our pleasure to accept you now as members of the Calix Society. We pray that you will always be aware of the nearness and abundance of God's grace to help you in your determination to serve Him in sobriety.

Let us pray:

O God, our Father, bless these your servants who have dedicated themselves to you in a special way. Strengthen them in their resolve to cling fast to you through a frequent use of your Sacraments of mercy and of union with you. Keep your healing hand upon them that they may grow in complete health of soul and body until that day when they will join you in the joys you have prepared for those that love you. We ask you this in Jesus' name, who lives with you in union with the Holy Spirit, God without end. Amen.

The new members then receive the Spiritual Director's blessing.

According to the Calix Constitution, payment of the annual membership contribution to the International Office is required for membership in the society. No one should be inducted who has not made this payment.

The International Office holds an annual Calix convention and provides support to new and existing Calix units throughout the world with literature and a newsletter, "The Chalice," published six times a year.
