**RENEWAL OF VOWS**

**MAIN CELEBRANT:**

Brothers, with humility of heart, in this celebration of the Anniversary of the Order, we renew the vows which one day, we, chaste, poor and obedient, made in order to follow Christ. Let us entreat first His divine mercy.

(All pray in silence, then the celebrant continues:)

Lord, look upon these sons of yours, whom you have called in Your providence through the evangelical perfection, grant them Your mercy so that, persevering always in Your love, they may arrive at the goal they have started with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**CELEBRANT:**

Lord, our God, with full joy in our hearts and responding generously to Your immense love,

**ALL:**

We renew our vow of **CHASTITY**. We want to be a sign of the chaste and faithful Church, dedicated fully to the love of all humanity.

We renew our vow of **POVERTY**. We want to love an authentic poverty, Placing our full confidence in You as we strive to give testimony of a Church of the poor and for the poor.

We renew our vow of **OBEDIENCE**. We want to accept Christ as our model of obedience and thus fulfill Your will. Into Your hands we entrust our life.

**CELEBRANT:**

Lord, look kindly on the offering which Your sons present to You this day, and fill their hearts with the joy of fidelity.

(The celebrant then invites the SARF to renew their promises.)

***RENEWAL OF PROMISES (SARF)***

*Trusting in the grace of the Holy Spirit and after imploring the protection of the Virgin Mary and the intercession of our Father St. Augustine, I solemnly renew my baptismal promises and before you, brothers and sisters, I freely promise to God always to seek the perfection of the Christian life in the spirit of the evangelical counsels and the beatitudes, according to the Rule of Life of the Secular Augustinian Recollects and the spirit of the Rule of St. Augustine. With filial confidence I entrust these my promises to Mary, Queen and Mother of Consolation.*

**INTERCESSIONS:**

And now, thanking the Lord for all the gifts that we have received through His kindness, let us ask Him to continue extending His protecting hand over us and let us present to Him our petitions.

Let our response be: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the Holy Mother Church: that with humility and gratitude, she may learn to admire the mysteries of God and orient her life towards Him, who is the source of light and life, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the increase of priestly and religious vocations in the Order: that the Lord may grant us zealous young men who are ready to follow in the footsteps of our predecessors for the greater glory and praise of God, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For all the members of the Augustinian Recollect Family; that amidst the plurality of persons, communities and apostolate, we may seek above all the truth and the love, and we may be fruitful witnesses of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all the religious who suffer, the sick, the aged and the dying: that God may lead them to discover the mystery of Christ and so unite themselves with joy to His salvific mission, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our families, relatives, friends and benefactors: that the Lord may reward them for all the good things that they had done and are doing for us, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For all the poor and the underprivileged: that they may obtain a worthy life and participate in the riches of the world created by God for all, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For all those who have professed in the Augustinian Recollect Family: that the Lord grant perseverance to those who now constitute it; illumine and assist those who have abandoned it, and grant eternal rest to the departed brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord.

**FINAL PRAYER:**

God, our Father, Author of all Holiness, through the intercession of Our Lady of Consolation, Saint Augustine, St. Ezekiel Moreno our patron and model, and all the Saints of the Order, pour down upon us Your blessings, accept our petitions and grant us the grace to put into action what we have promised according to Your inspiration. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.