

**FORMA PROMOVENDI  
AD MAGISTERIUM SACRÆ THEOLOGIÆ**

Ad Usum Provinciæ Sanctissimi Nominis Iesu  
Ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum

”Forma promovendi ad Magisterium sacræ Theologiæ,” *Regula S. Augustini et Constitutiones Ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum (1690)*, CD-ROM: Digitale Bibliothek Spezial: Constitutiones et Acta Ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum 1232-2001, ed. Istituto Storico Domenicano (Berlin: Directmedia Publishing, 2002) pp. 20523-28); cf. *Constitutiones Ordinis Prædicatorum. 1690\**, pp. 272-77; sed cum nova Professione Fidei Papæ Ioannis Pauli II in loco illæ Papæ Pii IV.

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*Promotor habeat annulum et birretum nigrum paratum, et sedens expectet promovendum, qui flexis genibus ad pedes promotoris, interrogetur ab eo:*

Quid petis?

*Et promovendus respondeat humiliter:*

Peto promovéri ad gradum Doctorátus et Magistérii Sacræ Theologiæ.

*Promotor:*

Promíttis tenére, serváre, dócere, et deféndere doctrínam sanam et Cathólicam, iuxta determinatióem Sanctæ Matris Ecclésiæ Cathólicæ Románæ?

*Promovendus:*

Promítto, et spóndeo in hac forma:

Ego, *N.*, firma fide credo et profiteor ómnia et síngula quæ continéntur in Sýmboło fidei, videlicet:

*The promoter will have the ring and black biretta ready; seated, he awaits him to be promoted, who, having knelt at the feet of the promoter, is asked by him:*

What do you ask?

*And he promoted humbly answers:*

I ask to be promoted to the rank of teacher and Master of Sacred Theology.

*Promoter:*

Do you promise to hold, preserve, teach, and defend sound Catholic doctrine, according to the determination of our Holy Mother, the Roman Catholic Church?

*He promoted:*

I do promise and pledge in this form:

I, *N.*, with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, namely:

Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipoténtem, factórem cæli et terræ, visibílium ómnium et invisibílium

et in unum Dóminum Iesum Christum, Fílium Dei unigénitum, et ex Patre natum ante ómnia sæcula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lúmine, Deum verum de Deo vero, génitum non factum, consubstantiálem Patri per quem ómnia facta sunt, qui propter nos hómines et propter nostram salútem descendit de cælis, et incarnátus est de Spírítu Sancto, ex María Vírgine, et homo factus est; crucifixus étiam pro nobis sub Póntio Piláto, passus et sepúltus est; et resurrexit tértia die secúndum Scriptúras, et ascendit in cælum, sedet ad dexteram Patris, et íterum ventúrus est cum glória iudicare vivos et mórtuos, cuius regni non erit finis;

et in Spírítum Sanctum Dóminum et vivificántem, qui ex Patre Filióque procedit; qui cum Patre et Fílio simul adorátur et conglorificátur, qui locútus est per Prophétas; et unam

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken

sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum, et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

Firma fide quoque credo ea omnia quæ in verbo Dei scripto vel tradito continentur et ab Ecclesia sive sollèmnè iudicio sive ordinario et universali Magisterio tamquam divinitus revelata credenda proponuntur.

Firmiter etiam amplector ac retineo omnia et singula quæ circa doctrinam de fide vel moribus ab eadem definitively proponuntur.

Insuper religioso voluntatis et intellectus obsequio doctrinis adhæreo quas sive Romanus Pontifex sive Collégium episcoporum enuntiant cum Magisterium authenticum exercent etsi non definitivo actu eisdem proclamare intendant.

through the Prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in the Word of God, whether written or handed down in Tradition, which the Church, either by a solemn judgement or by the ordinary and universal Magisterium, sets forth to be believed as divinely revealed.

I also firmly accept and hold each and everything definitively proposed by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise their authentic Magisterium, even if they do not intend to proclaim these teachings by a definitive act.

*Promotor:*

Quoniam sapientiam vocasti amicam, et amator factus formæ illius, quæsisisti eam tibi sponsam assumere: ecce Deus dat tibi eam sponsam, ut semper tecum sit, et cor tuum possideat.

In signum ergo: Accipe anulum in manu tua, et ego auctoritate Apostolica per litteras Magistri Ordinis Prædicatorum et eius Consilii mihi commissa, instituo, creo, et facio te Doctorem, et Magistrum in Sacra Theologia, doque tibi potestatem, et facultatem publice legendi, docendi, interpretandi, exponendi, et declarandi sacram theologiã, In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

*Deinde surgat et faciat promovendum sedere in sua sella dicens:*

Promoveo te ad gradum Magisterii Sacræ Theologiæ, annumerans te consortio Doctorum et Magistrorum dictæ facultatis: ita colloquet, et sedere te faciat Dominus cum

*Promoter:*

As you have called Wisdom your friend, and you have become a lover of her beauty, you have asked that she become your spouse: Behold. God gives her to you as spouse, that she be with you always and possess your heart.

Therefore, as a sign of this: Receive on your hand this ring, and I, by Apostolic authority granted to me by letter from the Master of the Order of Preachers and his Council, create and make you teacher and Master of Sacred Theology, and I give you the power and faculty of publicly presenting, teaching, interpreting, expounding, and defining sacred theology. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then he rises and makes him promoted sit in his chair, saying:*

I promote you to the rank of Master of Sacred Theology, numbering you in the community of teachers and Masters of that discipline. May the Lord so place you there also, and seat

príncipibus, ut sólium glóriæ  
téneas.

*Deinde imponat birretum capiti eius,  
dicens:*

Accipe ínfulam seu birrétum  
nigrum insígne Magistérii: sic  
ornet te Deus coróna glóriæ.

*Deinde elevet eum et dans ei oscu-  
lum dicat:*

Ecce odor filii mei, sicut odor  
agri pleni: créscere te fáciat  
Dóminus in míllibus, et  
benedícat tibi in sǽcula  
sǽculórum. Amen.

you with princes, that you  
might have a throne of glory.

*Then he places the biretta on his  
head, saying:*

Receive this biretta, the black  
cap that is distinctive of  
Masters: may God so adorn you  
with a crown of glory.

*Then the promoter rises him and,  
giving him a kiss, says:*

Behold the fragrance of my son  
is like the fragrance of a field in  
bloom; may the Lord cause you  
to increase by thousands, and  
may he bless you for all  
eternity. Amen.