

## **New Wine in New Wineskins**

**Prelude**                    **The Lord Is Now About To Enter His Temple (Andre Gouze)**

**Opening Song**            **Grant To Us, O Lord (Lucien Deiss)**  
**All sing:**                Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed,  
                                  Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord.

**Opening Prayer**        God of love and understanding,  
                                  Bless our gathering with the grace of discernment  
                                  Fill us with a spirit of thanksgiving  
                                  Encourage us in our future mission  
                                  Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Reading**                    **Mark 2:21-22**

Jesus said “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

### **Instrumental**

**Reflection**                **Art.7 NWNW**

New and unprecedented emergencies have given rise to new needs that have yet to be responded to and that are knocking on the door of the creative faithfulness of consecrated life in all its forms. New poverties challenge the conscience of many consecrated people and urge historic charisms to take on new forms of generous response in the face of new situations and the new rejects of history.

**Song**                        **The Heart of the Poor (David Haas)**  
**All sing:**                Lord, show us the heart of the poor  
                                  for they have shown us the true way to live.  
                                  Lord, show us the heart of the poor  
                                  To be the true church of Christ.

**Reflection**                **Art 11 NWNW**

What Jesus says about resistance to change – *because the old is good* – is a phenomenon that we come across in all human operations and cultural systems. As the Gospel teaches in the parables of the good wheat and the darnel and the dragnet full of good and bad fish, good works are often mixed in with those that are not so good. While this is not meant to surprise us, it should keep us continuously vigilant in recognising the limits and fragilities that hinder the processes needed for authentic and credible witness.

**Song**                      **Faith, Hope and Love (Ronan McDonagh)**

**Reflection**              **Art.21 NWNW**

The life of brothers and sisters proper to each institute...is to be defined in such a way that it becomes a mutual support for all in fulfilling the vocation of each. In the day-to-day service of authority, people should not be made to constantly ask permission to carry out normal day-to-day operations...Indeed 'authority of the religious superior must be characterised by the spirit of service, in imitation of Christ who came not to be served but to serve.' An attitude inspired by Jesus the Servant who washes the feet of his apostles so that they might have a part in his life and in his love.

**Song**                      **Servant Song (Richard Gillard)**

**All sing:** Will you let me be your servant  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
in the night-time of your fear,  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

**Reflection**              **Art.24 NWNW**

It must be kept in mind that true obedience always puts obedience to God first...just as it refers to the obedience of Jesus; obedience that includes his cry of love 'My God, My God, why have you deserted me? And the Father's loving silence. Pope Francis urges 'communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another.'

**Song**                      **You Are The Centre (Margaret Rizza)**

**All sing:** You are the centre, you are my life,  
You are the centre, O Lord, of my life.  
Come, Lord, and heal me, Lord of my life,  
Come, Lord, and teach me, Lord of my life.  
You are the centre, Lord of my life.

**Reflection            Art.34 NWNW**

Continuous formation must be oriented according to the ecclesial identity of consecrated life. It is not just a matter of staying up-to-date on new theologies, ecclesial norms, or new studies relating to the story and charism of one's institute. The task is to strengthen or, often, to find again one's place in the Church at the service of humanity.

**Instrumental**

**Reflection            Art.48 NWNW**

With regard to Councils and Chapters...procedures should be made more flexible in order to guarantee broader and more forward-thinking representation to guarantee a hopeful and liveable future. We are not talking about the correctness of procedures and the intelligent docility to the choices of method; it is a matter of 'seeking all light possible on the will of Christ for the ongoing life of the community', as the Rule of Taizé writes, in a spirit of searching that is purified by the sole desire to discern God's plan.

**Song                    My Spirit Yearns (Taizé)**

**All sing:** My spirit yearns for you in the night, O Lord  
I seek you, O Lord with all my soul.  
My spirit yearns for you in the night, O Lord  
I seek you, O Lord with all my soul.

**Address              Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**

**Song                    Joy For the World (Liam Lawton)**

**All sing:** Joy for the world the family of God  
In faith we serve giving life to the Word  
Communion of love in the Triune God  
Gathered as one a gospel of love  
We are the family of God.

**Celebration of Jubilees**

We join with those who are celebrating jubilees this year in giving thanks to God for their many years of service and witness in the consecrated life. I invite all those celebrating jubilees – 25 years, 40, 50, 60 and even 70 to stand up in your place for a blessing.

**Archbishop** We pray God's blessing on all who celebrate jubilees this year as we offer thanks and praise for the generosity of their witness:  
May they continue to grow in holiness and prayer  
May they enrich the lives of all they touch  
May they carry the light of the Gospel in their hearts  
We ask this, in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Song** **Jubilate Deo (W.A. Mozart)**

**Prayer** **Art. 55/56 NWNW**

**All sing:** O Lord, listen to my prayer, my prayer as I cry to you  
O Lord, listen to my prayer, my prayer as I cry to you

*In these decades of conciliar renewal, consecrated men and women have worked with generous commitment and boldness in the vineyard of the Lord. It is now time for the harvest, and for new wine to be joyfully squeezed from the grapes and diligently collected in the right wineskins until the fermentation that comes with ageing sediments, leaving room for new stability.*

**All say:** **May we preserve this newness in creativity, so that the genuine flavour of the fruitfulness that is blessed by God can be observed.**

*New wine requires the ability to go beyond the models we have inherited in order to appreciate the newness brought on by the Spirit.*

**All say:** **May we accept it with gratitude, and guard it, not just temporarily, but until the fermentation has finished.**

*The new wine, new wineskins and new cloak indicate a season of maturity and completeness that cannot be jeopardised by hasty combinations of strategic compromises:*

**All say:** **May we be discerning in dealing with the old and the new because each one belongs to its own season, is the product of different times and arts, and should be preserved in its own genuineness.**

*The master of the vineyard, has made fruitful the work of our hands and guided our journey of adaptation:*

**All say:** **May he show us how to preserve this new treasure that has been entrusted to us through suitable means and patient vigilance, without fear and with renewed evangelical enthusiasm.**

**All sing:** O Lord, listen to my prayer, my prayer as I cry to you  
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**Song** **Mary, Temple of the Lord (Marie Dunne CHF)**

**All sing:** Mary, temple of the Lord, Mary bearer of God's word,  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

**Prayer** **Art.57 NWNW**

**All say:** Holy Mary, *Woman of the new wine*, guard the desire in us to go forward in obedience to the newness of the Spirit, recognising the sign of his presence in the new wine, fruit of harvests and new seasons.

Make us docile to your grace and diligent in preparing *wineskins* that may contain and not waste the fermentation of the juice of the vine. Make firm our steps in the mystery of the cross that the spirit requires for every new creation.

Teach us to do as Christ your Son will tell us, so as to sit at his table each day: he is the new wine through which we give thanks and receive and give blessing.

Nourish in us hope in expectation of the day when we will drink the new fruits of the vine with Christ in the Kingdom of the Father.

**Amen.**

**Concluding Prayer** **World Meeting of Families 2018**

**All say:** God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:

*[We pause and remember family members and others by name].*

Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

**Amen**

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

## **Blessing**

### **Final Song**

#### **A Joy For All The Earth (Ephrem Feeley)**

**All sing:**

The joy of love, a joy for all God's family,

The joy of love, transcending time and space.

Our love for each other mirrors God the Father's love.

The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.