PERPETUAL PROFESSION

Religious life as service of God through the imitation of Christ

\[\text{V. The Lord be with you.} \quad \text{R. And with your spir-it.}\]

\[\text{V. Lift up your hearts.} \quad \text{R. We lift them up to the Lord.}\]

\[\text{V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.} \quad \text{R. It is right and just.}\]

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and et-
ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. He is the unblemished flower, who sprang from the root of the Vir-gin and declared the pure of heart bless-ed, teaching by his way of life the sur-
-pas-sing worth of chas-ti-ty. He chose always to hold fast to what is pleas-ing to you and, becoming obedient for our sake even un-til death, he willingly offered him-self to you as a perfect and a
fragrant sacrifice. He consecrated to a fuller service of your majesty those who for love of you leave all earthly things and promised they would find treasure in heaven. And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim: