

BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY'S SILVER MEDAL

(Interim version)

Priest: It is customary to recognise loyal service by the presentation of awards. Today we are here to bestow the Guild of St Stephen's Silver Medal on **N.** in recognition of ten years regular serving.

Priest: My dear people, let us pray for **N.** Let us ask God to bless him/her and give them strength to continue in his service at your Altar.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, Bless **N.** who has given ten years of loyal service at your altar here at *(Name of Church)*. Grant that they may continue in this service and may grow in faith and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Priest: I now invite **N.** and all other servers present to renew the promise you made at your enrolment

Servers: I offer myself to God almighty, to Blessed Mary, our Mother and to our Holy Patron St Stephen, and I promise to do my best to server regularly, with reverence and understanding, for the glory of God, the service of His Church and my own eternal salvation.

BLESSING OF MEDAL

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. You have made us in your image and likeness and have placed us over all creation to use it for your glory. We ask you to bless (+) this medal, which your server will wear as a sign of his loyal service at your Altar.

(The medals are sprinkled with holy water)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL

(The recipient comes forward and kneels or stands before the priest)

Priest: **N.** receive this Silver Medal in recognition of your loyal service at the Altar of God. May you, with the help of our Patron, St Stephen, continue to serve for the glory of God, the service of His Church and your own eternal salvation

Recipient: **Amen.**