



**DE LA SALLE ANZPPNG**

**Religious Profession**

### **Article 3: Religious Profession**

- Can. 654 By Religious profession members make a public vow to observe the three evangelical counsels. Through the ministry of the Church they are consecrated to God, and are incorporated into the institute, with the rights and duties defined by law.
- Can. 655 Temporary profession is to be made for the period defined by the institute's own law. This period may not be less than three years nor longer than six years.
- Can. 656 The Validity of temporary profession requires:
1. That the person making it has completed at least the eighteenth year of age;
  2. That the novitiate has been made validly;
  3. That the admission has been granted, freely and in accordance with the norms of law, by the competent Superior, after a vote of his or her council;
  4. That the profession be explicit and made without force, fear or deceit;
  5. That the profession be received by the lawful Superior, personally or through another.
- Can. 657 S1. When the period of time for which the profession was made has been completed. A religious who freely asks, and is judged suitable, is to be admitted to a renewal of profession or to perpetual profession; otherwise, the religious is to leave.
- S2. If it seems opportune, the period of temporary profession can be extended by the competent Superior in accordance with the institute's own law. The total time during which the member is bound by temporary vows may not, however, extend beyond nine years.
- S3. Perpetual profession can for a just reason be anticipated, but not by more than three months.
- Can. 658 Besides the conditions mentioned in can. 656, nn. 3,4 and 5, and others attached by the Institutes own law, the validity of perpetual profession requires:
1. That the person has completed at least the twenty-first year of age;
  2. That there has been previous temporary profession for at least three years, without prejudice to the provision of can.657 S3