

Remote Oath of Allegiance

These words are used in email communication where the candidate is in a distant location and processing their application via the internet. The church takes steps to verify and guarantee the sincerity of every applicant. Only those validly accepting this promise by valid and verified email reply will be accepted on their progression.

The relationship between the church and her clergy is akin to that of Christ to his church. The Old Catholic Apostolic Church (OCAC) is free and liberal, in that you are not bound to believe the same things as others in the church, and the church does not insist on dogma.

However it is essential that each serving clergy member can be assured of the trust of the church, and likewise the church needs to rely on and trust her clergy. Upon entry to the church everyone makes this oath. In it, you are promising to:

- Truthfully and diligently serve your ministry in our church, without hindrance or secret intent; and that you will be obedient to our bishops and fellow clergy in canonical obedience.
- Reveal to us now, upon joining and later at anytime should the situation arise, any incident where you have been accused of, or convicted of a crime or a safeguarding matter, particularly where the accusation is about a crime or misdemeanor towards children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- Follow and be subject to the canons - which is church internal law - and Codes of Conduct, and best practice as you are able, of the Old Catholic apostolic Church.

The Old Catholic Apostolic Church promises you that we will treat you likewise and we will spiritually empower and authorise your ministry within our canons.

Amen.

By proceeding with your application: you promise to be bound by this oath - which is a promise before God. Please pray your acceptance of this in Christ.

We look forward to your acceptance of the above and your confirmation to be bound by this oath. The Old Catholic Apostolic Church accepts you into the church as an incardinand - that is; someone who is ordained in another denomination or church - or as a candidate for ministry for those working to be ordained within OCAC; or as a candidate for a Religious Order. Once you have confirmed your acceptance the OCAC will list your ministry within the church or your candidature as appropriate. Please respond to the bishop dealing with your application or confirm your acceptance to office@oldcatholicapostolic.church

Telephone or private message apps are not suitable for your acceptance of this promise. Once your promise has been accepted by the church it will be equal to those promises made verbally and face to face before a bishop. Please pray for the promise you have made today, for the Old Catholic Apostolic Church, for your ministry and for yourself regularly.