

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BEFORE THE RECEPTION OF MAJOR ORDERS

(According to the norms of the Instruc-
tion of the S. Congregation of Sacraments
27 December, 1930.)

I, the undersigned Arthur Lee Wood, having presented to the Archbishop my petition for the reception of the Priesthood, now at the approach of Sacred Ordination, having diligently weighed the matter before God, do hereby testify under oath, first that I am not compelled to the reception of this Sacred Order by any coercion or force, or by any fear, but do spontaneously desire it and of my own full and free will wish to receive it, as I am convinced and feel that I am really called by God.

I profess that I know fully all the obligations and other consequences which this Sacred Order entails, which of my own will, I desire and purpose to receive, and I resolve to observe them all, with the help of God, most diligently during the entire course of my life.

In particular I declare that I clearly understand all that the law of Celibacy implies, and I firmly resolve that, with God's help, I will willingly fulfill it and keep it in its entirety until death.

Finally, in all sincerity, I promise that I will most obediently observe, according to the Sacred Canons, all that my superiors command me and ecclesiastical discipline requires, and that I am prepared to set a good example both in word and deed, in order that I may be rewarded by God for the undertaking of so great an office.

So I promise, vow, and swear, so help me God and these Holy Gospels which I touch with my hands.

Arthur Lee Wood

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Date April 9, 1959

Rel veritatem testatur

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