

APPENDIX 8

The following is a sample of the texts referred to in E.2, page 25.

OATHS TAKEN DURING ELECTION PROCESS

1. OATH OF THE TELLERS

I, Father/Brother [*name*],
 call God, the author of faith and truth,
 to witness that I shall honestly announce the votes given to
 each candidate;
 that if I come to know someone's vote
 I shall never reveal it to anyone;
 and that I shall fulfill my obligations as teller
 conscientiously and without fraud.
 So help me God!

2. OATH OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

I, Abbot/Father/Brother [*name*],
 President of the American-Cassinese Congregation
 [or delegate of the President of the American-Cassinese
 Congregation]
 call God, the author of all faith,
 to witness that in conducting this election
 I shall proceed conscientiously without fraud or deceit.
 So help me God!

3. OATH OF THE ELECTORS

I, Father/Brother [*name*],
declare under oath that,
putting aside all unworthy motives,
I shall elect as abbot
him whom I judge, according to my conscience,
to be most worthy and most qualified.
So help me God!