Opening of the Retreat

P As there are many members in one body,

C **So we, though many, are one body in Christ.**

P Where two or three are gathered in my name,

C **There am I in the midst of them.**

P I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, being humble and gentle, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

C **Let us pursue justice and peace, for mutual upbuilding.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, you have taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, by your Spirit, may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in His holy counsel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

P I declare this retreat of the _____ Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity open in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing of the Retreat

P O God, make speed to save us.

C **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

P You will be my witnesses

C **To the ends of the earth.**

P I chose you and appointed you

C **To bear fruit which abides.**

P Lo, I will be with you always,

C **To the end of time.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

P Lord God our Father, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now in this time as we set out to travel, make our ways safe and our home comings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with your Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever**. Amen**

P I now declare this retreat of the _____ Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity closed in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**