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Renewal of Vows



Sisters Mary Theresa Pierce, Mary Elizabeth Ann Gailey, Octavia Bevan Kane and Marie Danielle Bernadette Truex renewed their vows at the Community Mass at Villa Maria House of Studies on August 12, 2011. The Sisters' desire to commit themselves anew to God, the Church, and our IHM Congregation, inspired all present. S. Lorraine McGrew received their vows with S. John Evelyn as witness. In his homily, Father Bill Kelley, S.J., their retreat director, challenged the assembly to live the Gospel in their local missions.



Reception into the Novitiate



On August 13, 2011, Melissa Mastrangelo was admitted into the novitiate in a beautiful ceremony held in Sacred Heart Chapel at the Motherhouse. Many Sisters attended the ceremony, in which Sister Melissa Marie entered into religious life and the next stage of Formation as a canonical novice. Sister is pictured (above left) receiving her religious name and a copy of *Faithful Witness* from S. Lorraine McGrew with S. Mary Glackin, her Postulant Directress, and rejoicing with S. Carmen, her vocation directress (above right).



Smiles reflect the happiness of S. Melissa with S. Mary Glackin and S. Lorraine. Later in the day, her proud family celebrated her reception into the Congregation.

First Profession of Vows

On August 14, 2011, Sisters Carolyn Elizabeth Braun, Tracey Catherine Uphoff and Emily Vincent Rebalisky professed their first vows in the Congregation. S. Lorraine McGrew joyfully received them. The principal celebrant was Monsignor Joseph Marino, vicar of Chester County, and the homilist was Monsignor James McDonough of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, which was the site of the Sisters' Postulate Formative Community.



(above right/ L to R) The newly professed sisters are pictured with their sponsors: Sisters Elizabeth Ann Brooks, Kimberly Miller and Marianne Lallone, who rejoiced with them, having accompanied them throughout their years of discernment and initial formation.

