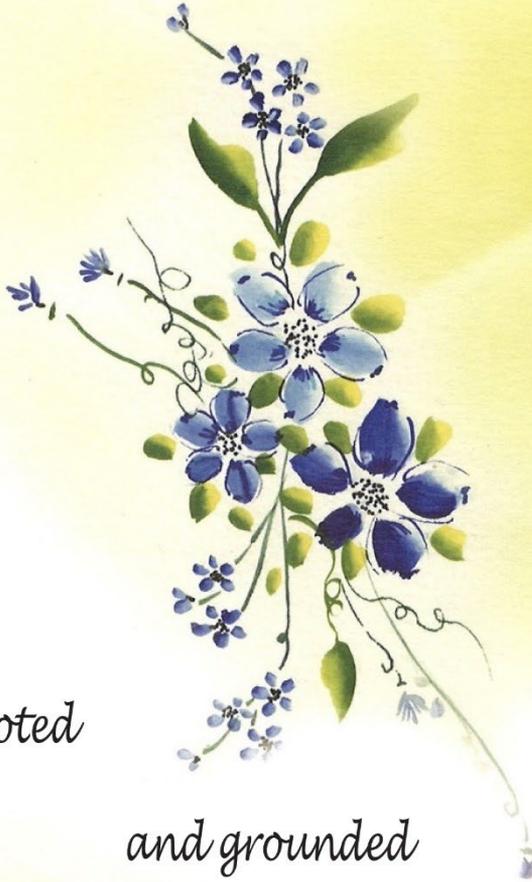


Mass of Perpetual Profession of Vows
Sister Romina Soriano Sapinoso, S.C.



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Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, September 24, 2022

4:00 PM

If God said,

“Rumi, pay homage to everything
that has helped you
enter my
arms,”

there would not be one experience of
my life,
not one thought, not one feeling,
not any act, I
would not
bow
to.

~Rumi

Prelude: “Panunumpa” by JBoy Gonzales, SJ

S. Terry Thorman, SC on piano and S. Alice Ann O’Neil, SC on cello

Panunumpa is a Tagalog song that describes a deep and unwavering commitment to serving Christ. It is a pledge to experience the love that dispels all doubt and fear and to share that love with God’s people.

Call to Worship: S. Kathryn Ann Connelly, SC

Entrance Procession:

Liturgical Dancers: S. Annie Klapheke, SC, S. Andrea Koverman, SC, S. Joyce Richter, SC

Cross: S. Whitney Schieltz, SC

Candles: S. Mumbi Kigutha, CPPS
S. Erin McDonald, CSJ

Lectionary: S. Monica Gundler, SC

Romina’s aunts and uncles

Ines Odulio and Arsenio Odulio

Tess de Guzman and Ver de Guzman

S. Mary Ellen Murphy, SC and S. Maureen Heverin, SC (Romina’s mentors and spiritual guides these past four years)

Opening Song: *Send Down The Fire*

Refrain:

Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Lord Have Mercy

Glory to God: Mass of St. Ann

Refrain: Glory! Glory to God in the highest.
 Glory! Glory to God in the highest, and
 On earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory. Lord, God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. *Refrain*

Lord, Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Have mercy on us.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Refrain

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 *read in Filipino by Ines Odulio, Romina's aunt.*

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased.
Upon him I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations
He will not cry out, nor shout,
nor make his voice heard in the street.
A bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.
He will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow dim or be bruised
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.
I, the LORD, have called you for justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
To open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Ang salita ng Diyos./ The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Palm 27 *The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation* by Paulo Tirol sung by S. Tracy Kemme, SC

“The Lord is my light and my salvation. He shelters me. Whom shall I fear?”

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 read by S. Carol Wirtz, SC

Gospel Acclamation: S. Tracy Kemme, SC

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-46 (read in Spanish and English)

Homily by Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas, STD

Litany of the Saints

S. Marge Kloos, SC

Saints who have inspired Romina during her faith journey and discernment

Ignatius of Loyola

Francis of Assisi

Oscar Romero

Pope John XXIII

Juan Diego

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lorenzo and Pedro (*Filipino saints and martyrs of the faith*)

Our Lady of Manaoag (*one of Mary's most beloved titles in the Philippines*)

Response: *All you holy men and women, pray for us.*

*Six of the first Sisters of Charity, known as the “Mystic Seven”
with Mother Margaret George*

Sophia Gilmeyer
Anthony O’Connell
Josephine Harvey
Regina Mattingly
Antonia McCaffrey
Gonzalva Dougherty

Saints of the Sisters of Charity Federation

Vincent de Paul (*Founder of the Congregation of the Mission*)
Louise de Marillac (*Founder of the Daughters of Charity*)

Response: *All you holy men and women, pray for us.*

Mariano and Mercedes (*Romina’s maternal grandparents*)
Pedro and Concepcion (*Romina’s paternal grandparents*)
Annina Morgan (*SC of Cincinnati, mentor and wisdom
figure who directed Romina’s retreat at 100 years old*)
Rose Cheng (*SC of Cincinnati from China, one of Romina’s
dear mentors and friend*)
Florence Cremering (*SC of Cincinnati, one of Romina’s
novitiate companions and guides*)
Janet Gildea (*SC of Cincinnati, Romina’s first SC contact,
affiliate director, mentor, and dearest friend*)
Margaret George (*Founding Mother of the Sisters of
Charity of Cincinnati*)
Elizabeth Seton (*Founder of the Sisters of Charity*)

Response: *All you holy men and women, pray for us.*

Presentation and Invitation to Profess Vows:

S. Patricia Hayden, SC, President

Profession of Perpetual Vows: Sister Romina Sapinoso, SC

In the name of God the Creator, God the Son and Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit, Amen.

I, Sister Romina Sapinoso, freely and wholeheartedly commit myself for life to the service of God, God's people, and all of Creation as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

To witness to the Reign of God, and to make God's love incarnate in the world, I freely promise to live in community and vow to God poverty, consecrated celibacy, and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

I make these evangelical vows into the hands of Sister Patricia Hayden. I ask for the grace of God and the continuing support of my sisters, associates, family, and friends so that I may keep faith with the commitment that I joyfully make today. Amen.

Acceptance of Vows: S. Patricia Hayden, SC

Community Response led by S. Mary Ellen Murphy, SC

(All say together)

Sister Romina,

We, your Sisters in Community, Associates, family, and friends delight in witnessing today your life commitment as a Sister of Charity.

*We are grateful to our God who has called you, walks with you,
and sustains you.*

*We are grateful to you for your faithful response to this call to risk
living the vows in humility, simplicity, and charity.*

*May you keep walking in faith as a courageous servant, selfless
leader, and a prayerful woman of God.*

*We support you and promise our love and our prayer as you daily
continue to live simply in our complex world attentive to the needs
of the vulnerable among us and our fragile earth.*

*Let the love of Christ embrace you and ever deepen your longing
to serve!*

Amen, Sister Romina, Amen!

Profession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions: S. Carol Brenner, SC, Tess de Guzman (Romina's aunt), S. Christa Parra, IBVM (Magnificat House)

Sung Response: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Dinggin mo kami.
 Señor, escúchanos.

With gratitude for Romina's YES, we remember her parents, Romulo and Teodora, all family members, sisters in community, mentors, friends, and all who have nurtured her and brought her to this day. For them, we pray.

With gratitude for our Charity Charism, we remember all those Romina has lived with, ministered with, lovingly served, and those she has touched in any way. We especially lift up the children and families of Proyecto Santo Niño. We pray.

(Read in Filipino)

With gratitude for a multicultural world, we remember all people from all parts of the world and ask for greater acceptance of diversity and a welcoming spirit of inclusiveness among us. May we continue to dedicate ourselves to the work of anti-racism within ourselves and in society. We pray.

(Read in Filipino)

With gratitude for peace at this moment here and now, we remember those in places where war and violence, hatred and guns, fear and indifference stifle the flow of peace. For them, we pray.

(Read in Spanish)

In solidarity with people who suffer - those on the move, those oppressed, those excluded, those disrespected, those who are sick, and all who are hurting in any way. For them, we pray.

(Read in Spanish)

With gratitude for the joy of celebration, that we and all of God's people may rejoice in knowing that the reign of God is in the here and now and that we are all called to live the gospel with joy. We pray.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the gifts: Carol Leveque, SC and
Nancy Bramlage, SC

Offertory Song: *These Alone Are Enough* by Dan Schutte, SJ

Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.

Refrain:

*Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.*

Take my thoughts, Oh Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.

When the darkness falls on my final days,
Take the very breath that sang your praise.

Eucharistic Acclamations from Mass of St. Ann

Communion Song: *Ang Katawan ni Kristo* by Ricky Manalo, CSP

In the presence of our God,
as we gather here in Christ,
feel the Spirit breathe upon us,
the breath of life, graced and divine.

We have come to break the bread;
we have come to share our lives.
Let us bring these fruits to the table,
the love of God, yours and mine!

Refrain

Ang Katawan Ni Kristo (2x)

***Behold the Body of Christ, Jesus our Saviour and Life!
Rejoice O people of God! We are the Body of Christ!***

When we gather in our homes,
through our prayers and our meals,
we are fed and nourished together,
our families, broken and blessed.

In the household of the Lord,
where we come to share the meal,
we are fed the words of our Saviour,
one family, strengthened and healed. (Refrain)

Bridge:

Is not the meal that we bless and share
a communion in the life of Christ?
One bread, one blessing, one cup
make us one body in our Lord.

In the presence of our God,
by the justice that is shown,
We will build a kingdom together;
The love of Christ given to all (Refrain)

Song after communion: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Sung by S. Tracy Kemme, SC

Liturgical Interpretation: S. Annie Klapheke, SC

Final Blessing on S. Romina led by S. Maureen Heverin, SC

Sending Forth Song: *The Charity of Christ*

The charity of Christ urges us on

Urges us onwards day by day

The charity of Christ urges us on

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ's love will show us the way

O taste and see that God is good

Rejoice in God alone

Who listens to the poor of heart

And makes with them a home

Send forth your light, send forth your truth

And let them be our guide

Until we find the path of peace

Where justice will abide

So dance and sing and shout for joy,

Let heaven and earth proclaim

The kingdom and the power and

The glory of God's name

*Dinner will be served downstairs in the Mother House Dining Room. Please join us in continuing the celebration.

In Gratitude:

To my family, friends, and loved ones in the Philippines especially to my parents, Teodora and Romulo and to my aunts and uncles representing them today.

To all of my Sisters of Charity especially to Mary Ellen Murphy, Maureen Heverin, and the Leadership Council and those who helped me prepare for these vows through conversations and their presence in my life.

To the communities that have formed and supported me - Casa de Caridad, Bayley House, Visitation House. To my hermana, Christa Parra, IBVM for walking with me in creating something new at Magnificat House.

To Terry Thorman and our SC musicians, Lois Goettke, Annette Muckerheide, Shirley Le Blanc, Mary Bookser, Alice Ann O'Neill, singers and choir members, to those who have shared their gifts and talents in music, movement, and prayer to make this celebration truly beautiful.

To Sisters Lois Goettke, Mary Kay Faller, and Ramona Chisholm and our Mother House staff and employees for the warm hospitality for our guests, sisters and associates.

To my SC Federation and Giving Voice sisters.

To Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas, for your love, encouragement and passion for God and for justice.

To all who joined in this celebration, near and far. Thank you for walking, loving, and celebrating with me.

To our children and their familias in Proyecto Santo Niño.

If you are/were in my life in any way, shape, or form, I am grateful for you! Thank you for being part of the global village that raised and loved me into the Sister of Charity I am today.

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SC Mission Statement

Urged by the love of Christ and in the spirit of our founder, Elizabeth Ann Seton, we Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati strive to live Gospel values. We choose to act justly, to build loving relationships, to share our resources with those in need, and to care for all creation.

SC Charism Statement

True to the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Margaret Cecilia George, and all who share our heritage, we Sisters of Charity are called to be faithfilled women of the Church. Like Elizabeth, we are called to be vitalized by Scripture and Eucharist; with her we are called to fidelity to the Church, to reliance on the Spirit, and to life through love and friendship. We vow our lives to our God with whom we walk in humility, simplicity, and charity. As pilgrims we pray for the wisdom to know the needs of our sisters and brothers and we dare to risk a caring response.

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“Send Down the Fire,” GIA, Marty Haugen,
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“Mass of St. Ann,” WLP, Ed Bolduc, 2010

“These Alone Are Enough,” OCP, Dan
Schutte, 2004

“Ang Katawan Ni Kristo,” OCP, Ricky
Manalo, CSP, 2003

“The Charity of Christ,” OCP, Bernadette
Farrell, 2004

Following compositions from the Philippines:

“Panunumpa” (instrumental) by JBoy Gonzalez, SJ,
arranged by Paulo Tirol Jesuit Music Ministry

“The Lord is My Light...” Psalm 27 by Paulo Triol